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FUTURE FIRST GRADERS

I am looking forward to having your child in my classroom in the fall. I have been watching during this past year and am impressed with their work habits and their phonics skills! I am sure that next year we will see continued success! Below are skills your child should know before entering first grade:

- * Sound out 3 letter words with short vowel sounds
- * Count to 100
- * Write numbers to 50
- * Be able to tie his/her own shoelaces and be able to zip jacket and button sweaters
- * Write the upper and lower case letters
- * Be able to recognize the sounds of the letters of the alphabet
- * Be able to write first and last name

You will need to bring the following items to school on the first day (and nothing else):

- **regular** size backpack (**no wheels**)
- 6 pencils (no fat pencils)
- * 1 bottle of white glue & 2 glue sticks
- 1 highlighter marker (yellow)
- 1 folder that has 2 pockets inside
The inside pockets should be at the bottom of the folder — not the sides.
- 1 box of tissues for the classroom
- 1 adult size old t-shirt for Art
- 1 3-ring **white** binder
- * Make sure that your lunch box, gym clothes, sweatshirts and art shirt have your name on them.
- * No pencil sharpeners or big binder notebooks
- * An umbrella with your name on it to leave at school
- * 1 bottle of Purell for the room
- * 2 boxes of crayons (16 colors in each box)
- * 1 zippered pencil pouch (**no pencil boxes**)
- * 1 box of 8 colored pencils (Crayola is best)