

June 2025

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade! I'm excited to get to know you and your family, and I'm looking forward to a happy and productive school year. We will certainly be Busy Bees! There is a lot of information to learn about 1<sup>st</sup> grade in the fall, so I will just share with you what is important now.

You have received the Summer Reading and Review packet. Research has shown that lower elementary students in particular experience what is known as the "summer slide". When children take time off of reading and math, skills are lost and time will be needed to reteach those skills. First grade is the year children learn how to read and we want them to begin with the skills they learned in kindergarten. I will hold students accountable to turn in their packets during Open House or the first day of school to attend the Summer Math and Reading Carnival held in September as well as their grade. This year I offered another option of a Scholastic Reading packet. This comes with a workbook that will be turned in.

A list of books are provided as suggestions. ANY books can be read. I expect you to be helping with the reading. Please have the students fill out their own reading log. Have a goal of at least 10 books. Encourage reading wherever you can- reading the menu at the restaurant, reading street signs when traveling, or recipes in the kitchen. Make time each day for an opportunity to "family read" and read along with your child. Even think about your own Reading Log to do alongside with your child.

The list of our first 15 weeks of high frequency words are included. These are words that children learn through memorization or by heart. Begin practicing them now. Review them as much as possible this summer. Make it fun-write them in the sand or make a game.

I have prepared our class supply list if you would like to get ahead of back to school shopping. To make life SUPER EASY, I have prepared the list on Amazon. A few clicks and you can have the WHOLE thing done and shipped to school. Think of it- nothing to bring in on Open House!

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2PI2Y9F5ZD9EF?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2PI2Y9F5ZD9EF?ref_=wl_share) or search lists on Amazon with **25-26 Mrs. Perry 1st Grade Supply List**

While we have a water fountain right next to our classroom, some parents will opt to send in a water bottle. If you would like to use water bottles, **it must be a child sized, spill proof, and plastic bottle.**

Once again, welcome to 1<sup>st</sup> grade- the most awesome grade in the school! Let's work together to make this the best year ever!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Perry