

August 1, 2006

Dear Families,

Only a few weeks of summer vacation left. If you've been to Wal-Mart or Staples, you've probably seen the school supply lists are already out. If you have already gotten supplies, that's fine. But if you haven't and would like to send \$5.00 the first day of school, I will buy the supplies.

First graders have a lot of changes to get used to and are learning to be responsible. Keeping supplies at their desks is a little more than some of them can handle at this time. They are less distracted if we keep supplies in a bucket, away from their desks. Many of the supplies will be shared so there's no need to put names on them.

We have a new reading series this year by Macmillan McGraw-Hill. They have a web site that is supposed to have online practice. Go to www.macmillanmh.com and click on "reading". When I checked, they didn't have our edition, 2007, online yet. But there are other online activities that kids learn from while having fun.

We will also be continuing with Saxon Phonics and Saxon Math. I'm excited to see how well they do since this will be their second year with both programs.

You'll still see the homework folder and stop light sheet come home everyday so that we will have regular, consistent communication. We will also be using Quality Tools, which is the data folder and colored cards for behavior and homework.

I'll be sending home a LOT of information about what we will be doing, as soon as school starts. Please feel free to contact me about any concerns you may have.

Be assured that your child's education and well-being are most important to me. I promise to do my best for them and hope that we can work together to make this an educational and enjoyable school year.

Sincerely,

Your Teacher

