Dear Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our class, introduce myself and to offer you some information that you might find helpful. My name is Ms. LaRock and I am super excited to be your child’s teacher this year in first grade. I look forward to working with both you and your child!

MATERIALS NEEDED:
Below is a list of the materials that your child will need for this year.

*Scissors: Child size, write your child’s name on them in permanent marker
*Pencils: 2 packages of plain yellow pencils. **Please sharpen these pencils for me**
*Pencil Sharpener: Small handheld pencil sharpener, one that has the section to collect the pencil shavings.
*Crayons: 5 boxes of Crayola crayons. * 24 crayons
*Markers: 1 box of Crayola markers (thin or thick size is fine)
*Pencil Box: plastic hard box size 5x8, no zipper pouches
*Glue Sticks: 10 small sticks, Elmers brand only
*Erasers: 1 pack of pencil top erasers
*Playdough: 1 regular size playdough container. Not the mini size
*Dry Erase Markers: 1 pack of low odor, expo, thin dry erase markers
*Sock: 1 child size sock to be used as an eraser for the dry erase board
*Backpack: smaller size backpacks are best since 3-4 children share a cubby
*Smock: Old adult size Tee shirt. Write your child’s name in large print across the front of the shirt. For art class
*Sneakers: Tie or Velcro as requested by Mrs. Keough. If your child does not know how to tie their shoes, Velcro sneakers are recommended.

VERY IMPORTANT...In order to be prepared and organized for the first day of school, please place the following quantity of items directly into your child’s pencil box: 2 sharpened pencils, 1 eraser, 1 box of crayons, 1 glue stick, pencil sharpener, 1 dry erase marker, child size sock.

*The playdough can be placed into their backpack along with the full pencil box.

** I don’t want the children coming to school the first day with baggies of supplies, it is too overwhelming. Within the first week I will send a notice home stating that your child can bring their baggies of supplies to school. Please be on the lookout for that notice.

Snack: We will be having a mid-morning snack each day. Please provide your child with a drink and a snack daily. This should not be a meal, one drink and one to two snack items will do (no candy please). If your child will be bringing his/her own lunch from home, please make sure they know which food is for snack and which food is for lunch. I am asking you to label your child’s snack time food with the word “snack” written on it in permanent marker. This will help both your child and myself to know which food they are to be eating for snack. This simple step in the morning on your behalf will ensure a stress free and happy snack time for all of us in class. *We are NOT a peanut free classroom.

I look forward to having a great year together here in first grade!

Thank You,
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