



September 2019

Greetings "Fabulous First Grader!"

My name is Miss Burns, and I will be your new teacher at Lore Elementary School. I am very excited to start another successful school year with you in the fall!

This will be my thirteenth year teaching 1st Grade at Lore, but my fifteenth year as an educator. I live in Ewing, NJ, and have a very large family: 5 brothers, 4 sisters, 7 nieces, and 6 nephews, just to name a few! Being an aunt is just as special to me as being a teacher!

I hope you are as eager as I am to begin a fun-filled, adventurous school year together. I also hope you are enjoying a terrific and relaxing summer. I can't wait to learn about your exciting journeys and new experiences. I know each of us will be ready to share our memories with all of our friends very soon!

First grade is a fantastic year full of learning and growing. I have many thrilling activities and lessons planned for us that I look forward to sharing with you. You will learn many new things, such as how to write creative stories, how to add and subtract numbers, and even how to measure! We will also explore different animal families, space systems, as well as how our community works as a team. Best of all, you will grow into an independent, fluent reader...this means you will learn to read on your own! So, start your engines and prepare your curious minds for a "world of wonders!"

There are a few items and supplies that you will need to bring with you to first grade so that you are prepared to hop on the "learning train" each day. The checklist includes:

<input type="checkbox"/> FIVE (5) sharpened pencils	<input type="checkbox"/> ONE (1) 1-inch 3-ring binder (<i>hard cover</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> THREE (3) EXTRA erasers	<input type="checkbox"/> ONE (1) photo of YOU (<i>recent</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> ONE (1) box of crayons	<input type="checkbox"/> ONE (1) Large T-SHIRT (<i>art smock</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> THREE (3) Elmer's glue sticks	<input type="checkbox"/> ONE (1) favorite book
<input type="checkbox"/> ONE (1) large pencil/supply box	<input type="checkbox"/> ☺ A BRIGHT WHITE SMILE!!! ☺



CHECK EACH BOX ONCE YOU HAVE COLLECTED EACH ITEM!
WRITE FIRST & LAST NAME ON ALL PERSONAL ITEMS!



At last, welcome to **ROOM 7!!!** You are about to embark on an unforgettable journey through FIRST GRADE! Practice showing your "pearly whites" for our first day together, September 4th from 8:50 AM - 3:40 PM! Enjoy the rest of your summer fun in the sun! Smiles & Best Wishes!

Your 1st Grade Teacher,
Miss Burns ☺

P.S. To Parents/Guardians:

While you're having fun in the sun this summer, you might want to think ahead! Here are some ideas that will help you and your child get ready for a fantastic first grade year:

- 1. Read, read, read!** I know that your child's kindergarten teacher read **MANY** great books! Continue to read to your child all summer! Keep a list of books that you've read, and next to each title have your son/daughter draw a happy face if he/she liked the book, a sad face if he/she didn't. He/she might even want to write a sentence about **WHY** they felt that way...then bring the list to me in September! I'd love to see what kinds of books you enjoyed! Also, check out our Summer Reading letter and log on Lore's website.
- 2.** Your child has learned his/her **letters and sounds** in kindergarten! Keep practicing over the summer. Play games as a family, like thinking of things that begin with a certain letter. Play memory games where you match the letter with a picture of something that begins with that sound. We'll review the letters and sounds in September because they are **SO** important when your child is learning to read!
- 3.** Your child also did a lot of **writing** in kindergarten, too! Keep having him/her write, while listening to the sounds and writing the letters. Have your child keep a journal of summer adventures or write letters and postcards to family and friends. If he/she chooses to write a story, bring it to me in September - I'd love to read it!
- 4.** Your son/daughter did a lot of **counting and math work** in kindergarten, too! Encourage practice counting **PAST** twenty - can he/she make it to 100? Can he/she count by ten's to 100? How about by 5's? Work on writing numbers 0 through 20. Sometimes in kindergarten your son/daughter might have made them "backwards" - can he/she write them all so that they face the right way? Give it a try! At the end of kindergarten, your child may have worked on simple number sentences, like $2+2$. Can he/she try any others?
- 5. Most of all, have fun this summer and relax!**

See you soon! ☺