



Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to Kindergarten/First Grade! My name is Ms. Mamo and I am so excited to be your teacher this year! I hope you are having a wonderful summer and I can't wait to meet you soon! This school year will be fun, exciting, and a big adjustment for your child. With your help in the following areas, the year will be off to a great start.

I ask that each child brings a "full sized" book bag, **without wheels if possible**, to school every day. Please label all items with your child's name. Check your child's bag daily for papers, school notices, etc. The blue Lore



School folder will be your child's **homework folder**. This folder will be an important vehicle for communication between home and school with labels "Keep Home" and "Return to School". **Please send the Lore School folder to school with your child each day.**

The papers in the "Keep Home" side will have been reviewed and can be taken out of the folder. This will be a great way to see the work that your child has completed in school each day! The "Return to School" side will contain homework and forms that need to be returned to school the following day. Please take time to discuss your child's work, as it can be a wonderful way for them to share the highlights of their day with you!

If your child will be bringing lunch to school each day, please **label their lunch bag** with your child's name. If your child will be buying lunch, please let me know of any food allergies ahead of time. Your child should also bring a snack to school each day for our very brief snack break. Please ensure that this snack is small enough for your child to enjoy in a short amount of time.

Please remember that our classroom is air-conditioned and that a sweater or sweatshirt, labeled with your child's name, may come in handy if kept in their book bag or in our classroom. It gets very chilly in our classroom!

In order for your child to participate in our Physical Education classes and to promote safety during breaks outside, it is recommended that **sneakers be worn each day**. Throughout the year, your child will also be attending art class once a week and creating a variety of arts & crafts in our classroom. In order to avoid any ruined clothing, please provide a smock, an oversized or adult sized t-shirt. Please **label** the shirt or smock with your child's first and last name.

Punctuality is a very important skill and what better way to learn it than by the example we set as adults. School begins at 9:00 am each day. Please have your child be on time for class so that all children can be greeted and begin their day together!

Your child's safety is very important to us. It is Lore School policy that any child wishing to go home a different way than usual **MUST** have a written note informing the school of any changes. Without this note, your child **WILL NOT** be released and will go home as usual.

In order to avoid a tearful goodbye on our first day of school, **Tuesday, September 6th**, please follow your normal drop off routine during the first week of school (riding the bus, walk, or being dropped off at the designated area). Please take your pictures and say your goodbyes at home. Parents will not be permitted to drop off children at their classrooms as we must follow safety procedures and school routines, even on the first day.

Thank you for allowing me to share this year with your child. I am so very excited and I am looking forward to a wonderful year together! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via my email address below.

Sincerely,

Ms. Mamo

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