

Dear First Grade Families,

Our names are Frank Fabiano and Rachel Shanagher, and we will be your child's first grade teachers this year. We are eagerly waiting to meet our new class of students and families! We are looking forward to sharing many new learning experiences with you and your child. We are confident that we, along with the rest of the first grade team, will be able to create a safe, individualized classroom environment.

There are supplies listed on the district website that all first graders are asked to bring in on the first day of school. In addition, we are asking that you provide a few extra items for our classroom:

- ❑ 2 favorite books that your child likes to look at, read, or hear (labeled with your child's name, these will be returned).
- ❑ 1 old sock with your child's name on it (this will be used as a white board eraser).
- ❑ 4 new or used tennis balls (to reduce noise on bottoms of student chairs, please do not cut or label)
- ❑ 1 one-subject spiral notebook (labeled with your child's name).
- ❑ 1 three ring 1-inch binder (labeled with your child's name).
- ❑ 1 box of Crayola crayons (24 crayon pack).
- ❑ 5 photos (in a labeled Ziploc bag) that capture 5 DIFFERENT special memories so that the students can share and write separate stories in Writer's Workshop.
- ❑ One small item that triggers a special memory for your child. Some examples are: a souvenir purchased on a trip, a special coin or a postcard. It should be something that can fit in your child's hands and can be displayed on a table. This item will be returned; please label it with your child's name.

Please send supplies to school by Monday, September 16th or as soon as possible.

A few reminders from the main office...

- Your child will need a sturdy backpack **without wheels** that can hold a 9x12 folder and sneakers or rubber soled shoes for active play. Backpacks, lunch bags, and all outer clothing should be clearly marked on the inside with your child's name. Please place an old, cotton pullover t-shirt in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name to be used as a smock.
- *MKM uses Pick Up Patrol to manage the arrivals, dismissals and attendance of students at the Early Childhood Center. You will receive an email inviting you to set up your child's PickUp Patrol account at the end of August. Unless you have signed a bus waiver, the Early Childhood Center assumes that all students will be utilizing the school bus at dismissal. If your child has an alternate dismissal plan (YMCA, parent pick-up, after school recreation, enrichment, etc.) you must change your child's dismissal in the PickUp Patrol app. Be aware that children may ride **only their assigned bus and may get on and off the bus only at their regular stop.** Information regarding busing can be found in InfoSnap. The district will send an email in August, which includes a link to your InfoSnap account.*

We hope you enjoy the remainder of your summer! We are excited to meet you all :)

Sincerely,

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