



## MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

August 2018

Dear First Grade Parents,

We would like to welcome you and your child to first grade!

There are a few items that your child will need for the upcoming year:

- A large backpack (without wheels, please, as they do not fit inside the lockers)
- A complete set of Code of Attire clothing, including underwear and socks. Please label all pieces with your child's first and last name.
- A 4x6 family photo to be glued to a class mural (will not be returned)

We will supply basic school supplies.

We enjoy celebrating birthdays in class! Typically, the birthday child will bring a treat to share with each child in his/her class (as well as a few extra for faculty if desired). All treats must be approved by the nurse in advance in order to keep all children safe in case of allergies. Please email our Primary School nurse, Candice Carlson, at [ccarlson@mka.org](mailto:ccarlson@mka.org) prior to sending in a birthday snack.

First graders will have recess outside every day unless it is very wet or too cold. You will learn more about recess expectations at Back-to-School Night. Children should wear sneakers to play outside and also for P.E. class. It is helpful if children wear sneakers each day to minimize changing shoes.

During the first few weeks of school, we will be spending a great deal of time getting to know each other, and it will be helpful for us to learn from your insights. For example, how do you see your child as a person and a learner? How does your child think and play? What are your hopes for your child this year? Please email us your thoughts at our MKA email addresses below.

Our team has worked together this summer and planned some exciting experiences for the year ahead! We are all looking forward to working with you and your child this year!

Sincerely,  
The Primary School First Grade Team

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