

August, 2019

Dear First Graders,

WELCOME to first grade! I am very excited about the start of the upcoming school year. We have an amazing year ahead filled with learning and great times, too!

We will be reading lots of great stories together. We will also be busy with math, science, writing, social studies, Spanish and technology. It will also be a time for you to share your knowledge with others and to make new friends.

On the 100th day, we will have a big celebration! We will also learn about holidays, customs and traditions far and near throughout the year.

Just like you, I am busy getting ready for school. I am always on the look out for great books and fun activities. I LOVE visits to the library. I can hardly wait to share the books I read over the summer with you! I want to hear about your summer too!

Have a wonderful time during the remaining days of summer! I look forward to meeting you soon. I have a desk waiting just for you!

Dear Parents,

In order to facilitate our communication about classroom events, please send me an email (gainesj@lmsd.org) to be sure you are on the class email list. Please **title** this message **1G** contacts followed by **your child's name and your own name**. A supply list is on the back of this letter. If you have any difficulty getting supplies please let me know.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jacqueline Gaines

Optional Supply List for First Grade

I am delighted to be working with you and your child this year.

Below is a list of suggested supplies that will be helpful to have for the exciting school year ahead.

- 3 sturdy pocket folders (green, red, blue)
(Colors are important because we will color code by class subject)
- 1 inch three ring binder. (1 inch, please)
- 24 No. 2 sharpened pencils
- pack of Crayons
- water soluble markers
- 1 Composition book (not spiral)
- pencil sharpener that catches shavings
- 4 glue sticks (to be replenished as needed)
- pair of scissors
- clipboard (standard size)
- inexpensive headphones (to be used with the iPads)
- large box of tissues
- 2 Ziploc bags (1 quart and 1 gallon)
- old sock/rag to be used as mini whiteboard eraser
- recent picture for our bulletin board (not larger than a 4"x6")
- daily nutritious snack *
- most important of all, a BIG SMILE!

* We will have a snack every morning, beginning the first day of school. Please send in a snack that is non-sugary and nutritious. When it is hot outside, I suggest the children keep a water bottle in the classroom.

Please print your name on everything you can. Thank you.

Introducing... YOUR Child

I'd like to know more about your child, through your eyes. The more I know, the better I can design an educational and motivational program to fit his or her particular needs.

Please answer the questions and complete the information below. Remember, this is from *your* point of view. Please send it in with your child as soon as it's completed. **PLEASE RETURN BY 9/6/19.**

Thank you!

Child's Name _____ Homeroom: _____

- List five (5) words that best describe your child's *character* (competitive, cheerful, perfectionist):

- What *motivates* your child?

- What *upsets* your child?

- What are your child's out-of-school *interests* and *activities*?

- What activities do you *share*? What problems/successes do you have working/playing together?

