



MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

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Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome to first grade! The upcoming year promises to be one filled with learning and excitement.

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)
- An art smock (a large t-shirt works best) (*All other art supplies will be provided.*)
- A **complete** change of clothes, each piece **labeled** in a Ziplock bag. (Our outdoor classroom presents fun opportunities that may result in getting wet. Dry sneakers may also be a good idea.)
- A reusable water bottle to keep and use while in school

We love celebrating birthdays in school! Your child will feel extra special if you send in a birthday treat for the class plus a few extras to share with faculty and staff. Please send in individual treats for each child. All treats must be nut-free and pre-approved by Primary School nurse Candice Carlson; please contact Candice at ccarlson@mka.org to have birthday snacks approved in advance.

First grade students are excited to have lockers this year! Thank you in advance for *not* sending your child to school with locker accessories such as magnets, magnetic mirrors, white boards, or notepads, as these items often lead to distraction and lingering at lockers, resulting in lost learning time.

As the new school year approaches, it will be helpful to us if you would share any information that will help us get to know your child. For example, *How do you see your child as a person and as a learner? What does your child enjoy? What are your hopes for your child's first grade experience?* Please email your thoughts to our MKA email addresses (see below).

One way our students can get to know one another is by sharing about their families. During the first week of school, we would like to create a family collage for our classrooms. Please provide your child with a recent family photograph (no larger than 4x6) to include on the collage. This will give your child a chance to “visit” you during the day and proudly share their family with classmates.

We are looking forward to working together!

Sincerely,
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