



## MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

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Dear First Grade Parents,

Welcome to first grade! The upcoming year promises to be filled with learning and excitement! We look forward to getting to know your children and partnering with you this year. As the new school year approaches, it would be helpful to us if you would share any information that you feel 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?* In late August or early September, after your child's class assignment has been shared with you, please email your thoughts to your child's teacher at our MKA email addresses (see below). We look forward to continuing these conversations during the first weeks of school as we get to know your children as people and as learners.

All necessary school supplies for learning in school will be provided, but there are a few additional items that your child will need for the upcoming year:

- A large backpack (without wheels, please)
- An art smock (a large t-shirt works best) (*All other art supplies for use in school will be provided.*)
- A **complete** change of clothes, each piece **labeled** in a Ziploc bag. (The outdoor classroom presents fun opportunities that might result in getting wet.)
- Sneakers are **required** as part of the code of attire. Please also note that first graders wear MKA Primary School code of attire clothing daily. To view the Primary School code of attire and the *Lands' End* order form, please go to [mka.org/parents/back2school](http://mka.org/parents/back2school), then see the Primary School section and click Forms and Info, All Grades.
- A reusable water bottle to use while in school, clearly labeled on the side with your child's name

We love celebrating birthdays! We look forward to celebrating each child's birthday in school this year! Please stay tuned for additional information about how we will celebrate birthdays this year.

As a way for students to get to know one another during the first week of school, we would like to create a family collage for our classrooms. Please give your child 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,

The Primary School First Grade Team

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