Dear Families,

Welcome to First Grade at Belmont Hills! I am looking forward to a great school year! My name is Miss Julia Cook, and I will be your child's teacher this year. The First Grade teachers have many fun topics and activities planned for this year. I have been busy getting ready for the children and am excited to get the school year underway. I hope you will be able to stop by for a few minutes and visit the classroom during our “sneak a peek” on September 2nd between 2:00-2:45. I would love to meet you and your child.

The First Day of School

- On the first day of school there will be several staff members in the hallway to direct your child to the correct classroom.
- If your child walks to school or is dropped off, please be sure they arrive between 8:40-9:00am. If your child rides the bus, be sure to practice his/her bus number so they remember it.
- On the first day of school, I would also appreciate a note stating how they will arrive and leave daily (bus, walk with a sibling or older child, parent pick-up, etc.). *This will make the first few days of dismissal much easier*

School Supplies

- Please label all of your child’s supplies. Here is a list of things your child should bring the first day of school:

  | Large pencil box | Glue sticks (at least 3) |
  | 12 sharpened pencils | 1 Black dry-erase marker and eraser |
  | 1 pair of scissors | 4 double pocket folders (blue, green, yellow and red) |
  | 1 box of markers | Headphones (not earbuds!) |
  | 1 box of crayons |

- **Items to donate to the classroom:** hand sanitizer, hand soap, disinfecting wipes, ziplock bags (snack and gallon), tissues**

**Remember to label using a permanent marker or label. On large items please write your child’s name and 1C **

Snack and Lunch

- We will have a snack break on the days we are able to be outside. **There will be no snack indoors**
- Please pack your child healthy snacks. A reusable water bottle to go back and forth each day would be great!
- Please discuss with your child what you would like them to have for snack and what they should have for lunch.
- You will be getting more information about lunches at school. The cafeteria can be overwhelming at first so you may want to pack your child’s lunch the first few days.
- If your child is buying and is bringing money, please have your child bring his/her lunch money in a wallet or change purse labeled with their name and “1C”. If your child is using their number to buy lunch, I will have it available for them.

Thank you so much for your cooperation. I truly appreciate your help. I am so excited to have your child in my class! Please feel free to call, write or email me a note if you have any questions, concerns or ideas!!

Sincerely,
Miss Julia Cook
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