



## MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

July 2023

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. In late August, you will receive your child's class placement and a welcome letter from your teacher.

As the new school year approaches, it would be helpful if you would share any information you feel will help us get to know your child. For example, *How do you see your child as a person and learner? What does your child enjoy? What are your hopes for your child's first-grade experience?* After you receive your classroom placement and teacher's welcome letter, please email your thoughts to your child's teacher.

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 the 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 look forward to celebrating each child's birthday in school! As in years past, if you would like to send in a birthday treat, all treats must be pre-approved by Candice Carlson, our school nurse. Contact her at [ccarlson@mka.org](mailto:ccarlson@mka.org).

As a way for students to get to know one another during the first week of school, we will create a family collage for our classrooms. For your child to participate, we ask that you send a **4x6** family photograph to include in the collage. This will allow your child 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