Dear Fabulous Firsties and Families, TO FIRST GRADE

Welcome to First Grade, a year filled with many firsts! We cannot begin to tell you how excited we are to be working with you and your child this year. We believe that a good learning experience is built on a positive and cooperative effort between parent, child and teacher. Please know that we are here for you, and we care deeply about our students. We are looking forward to meeting you and growing together this year in first grade.

It is our goal to create a warm, safe, and academically stimulating environment in which your child will grow, learn, and feel loved. We look forward to supporting each of you to reach your goals and have a successful year! We will strive to make this the best first grade experience ever!

Please mark your calendars to attend our Supply Drop Off on Wednesday, September 4th from 10:30-11:15 AM in room 10. We can't wait to meet you! You will be able to drop off your school supplies and meet some new friends and see some old friends. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by email dpiehler@acsdny.org and ksheehan@acsdny.org or by phone at 845-486-4970. We will get back to you as soon as possible. The first day of school will be Thursday, September 5th.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and remember to read, read! We are looking forward to a fun filled, productive and creative year!

Our Best Wishes,

Mrs. Piehler and Mrs. Sheehan

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For our classroom to run as smoothly as possible, please take note of the following information:

BACKPACKS AND FOLDER

Your child will need to bring a backpack to school every day to carry home papers/projects from school. Please check the contents of this backpack daily. Please use their folder as a means of communicating and sending papers, and notes back and forth.

EMERGENCY CARDS

Please be sure to return all emergency cards as soon as possible in the event that we must reach you. One card is kept on file in the main office and the other is kept in the school nurse's office.

LUNCH, WATER BOTTLES, AND SNACK

We will have lunch every day for about 20 minutes. If your child wants to buy lunch, please make sure they have money in their account and discuss their lunch options with them. Please have your child bring a water bottle to school with them on a daily basis. Keeping hydrated is very important throughout the day.

Please send in a healthy snack such as fruit, veggie sticks, pretzels, grancla bar or yogurt in a bag separate from their lunch. There is limited time for snack so one snack will be sufficient. Juice and juice boxes are not allowed during snack time, only water.

SNEAKERS

Your child should wear sneakers to school on P.E. days. In order to play on the playground equipment during recess, sneakers should be worn.

SAFETY

For security reasons, parents must enter the school through the front doors and sign in with the security officer.

If your child is being picked up by someone other than parents or will not be riding the bus, we MUST have a written note. We cannot release your child to another adult or keep him/her off the bus based on your child's word. Please remember that this is for your child's protection.

ABSENCES

Please send a written excuse each time your child is absent from school. This is New York State Law. If your child is sick, please keep him/her home to rest.