



Hello! My name is Mrs. Testa and I would like to welcome you to First Grade! I hope that you are enjoying these last few days of summer vacation. This is such an exciting time for all of us! We are going to learn so many wonderful things this year, like how to become great readers and writers as well as how to add, subtract, tell time and even count money! (Don't worry...You'll be great and I am going to help you with it all!)

Here are just a few notes to help us get started on the very first day!

- * Please remember to bring a light snack **every day!** Each morning, we will have a **brief** snack-time. This should include a drink and a **healthy snack** such as fruit or crackers (or what you like best); Please **do not** bring in **candy** or a **full sandwich!** It helps if mom or dad labels your snack separately from your lunch to help you know what to eat for snack ☺

- * Please try to bring in your school supplies by **the end of the first week;** we will be putting them to use right away!

- * We will be outside for recess everyday with the exception of rain, snow or extreme temperatures. Parents, please dress your child accordingly to the season and with appropriate shoes (flip-flops and some sandals can be dangerous as children run through the playground).

- * When bringing money to school, please put it in an envelope labeled with your name and its purpose

- * Please mark all of your possessions (including sweaters, jackets, etc) with your name.

I can't wait to meet you on September 9th, and before I do, here is a little bit about me!

This will be my 20th year teaching in Scotch Plains-Fanwood and my 16th year teaching first grade! I have two little boys, (a first grader, just like you, and a Kindergartner, too) and two crazy puppies, Stella and Luca. My favorite ice cream is Chocolate-chocolate chip, I love the beach and also the lake, and most of all, my favorite part of teaching is reading to little learners, just like you!

I hope this information has been helpful, and parents, I am looking forward to sharing this year with you and your child. Working together, we will make school and learning a great experience for your child. Enjoy your holiday weekend, and I can't wait to meet you on our first day together! Love, Mrs. Testa