Dear First Grader,

Welcome back to school! My name is Miss Gonzalez, and I am very excited for another school year at McGinn Elementary! I am thrilled to be your teacher, and I am looking forward to a year full of new friends, new adventures, and new discoveries.

As we prepare for another school year, here are some things I would like you to keep in mind:

- ★ We will all be experiencing many "firsts" this year and we will be learning many wonderful things. Remember to keep an open mind, full of curiosity!
- ★ We will be having a brief snack time each day. Please bring a light, healthy and nut-free snack to school.
- ★ Please try to bring all your school supplies by the end of the first week of school. We will be getting to work right away.
- ★ Be sure to label all your materials with your first and last name. This also includes jackets/sweaters, lunch boxes, and backpacks.
- ★ Be sure to get a great night's sleep! We will be spending the first day getting to know each other, our classroom space, and celebrating our return to school.

I look forward to working together to make this year full of incredible learning experiences, hard work, and fun activities! Wherever this year begins, be it at school or in our virtual world, I hope you are all just as excited as I am to begin this school year! Please bring your **brightest** smiles for this very unique first day of school!

I hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to meeting everyone on September 9th!

Sincerely, Miss Gonzalez

P.S. Below are some of my favorites!

- * Color: Blue, Yellow and Purple (there are too many to just choose one)
- ★ Animal: Whale
- ★ Hobbies: Reading, Baking Cupcakes, Hiking, Puzzles, & Going to the Beach
- ★ Pet: Dog ~ Maya (a teacup maltese)
- ★ Food: All kinds of seafood