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Dear parents/guardians!

Welcome to the first grade! We are so excited to welcome your students hopefully into our classrooms in the fall and to start learning with them come September. Between now and then there are a few things we need from you.

First, just because schools out for summer does not mean young brains stop needing the fuel they get in the classroom. Over the summer there can be “learning loss” where all the hard work you, and they have done all year can begin to slip. We are not going to be assigning math or reading packets, but there are activities we would still like them to be doing.

1. A total of 1 hour (20 mins a day) on RAZKids each week (<https://www.raz-kids.com/>)
2. A total of 1 hour (20 mins a day) on DreamBox each week (<https://www.dreambox.com/>)
3. Please make sure your student is reading! For one book that you read this summer I would like a mini book report (a list of book suggestions can be found after the supplies list, and the book report layout on the last page)

Second, on the next page of this letter is a list of supplies your student should have with them on the first day of the new school year. Some of the list (specified) you will acquire through the school. If you are having trouble finding anything please let us know.

We can't wait to get to see your students in the fall, and start learning together!

Ms. Chomsky & Mr. Shannon



Supplies list:

- 2 boxes of crayons (one for at home)
- 2 boxes of markers (one for at home)
- 2 packs of colored pencils (one for at home)
- 2 folders
- 2 packs of pre-sharpened pencils
- 2 glue sticks (one for at home)
- 1 pack of construction paper
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 pack of dry erase markers
- At least 1 pack of pink erasers (we go through erasers fast)
- 1 pencil case (NOT a hard one, those don't fit in seat sacks)

***Anything marked as "2 (one for at home)," only one needs to be bought until we are in person. ***

The following items may be hard to find due to quarantine, but please do your best:

- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 tubes lysol or clorox wipes
- 2 bottles of hand sanitizer (the bigger the better)

Not needed until we are in person

The following items are procured through school. Please bring the total amount (\$24) in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and the amount:

- Zipped case/folder (\$5.00)
- Copy book (\$12.00)
- Planner (\$5.00)
- Communication folder (\$2.00)



On this page are a list of books that are at or around a good level for rising first graders! For the book report your student should complete this summer you can refer to this list or you can choose a different book. Once you've chosen and read the book you can find the book report layout on the next page.

Some personal favorite books for rising first graders (in no particular order):

- Pete the Cat, by Eric Litwin and James Dean
- Frog and Toad are Friends (or any other Frog and Toad stories), by Arnold Lobel
- Anything by Dr. Seuss
- Anything by William Steig
- Anything by Ezra Jack Keats
- Anything by Gerald McDermott (Raven: A trickster tale from the Pacific Northwest is my favorite)
- The Last Stop on Market Street, by Matt de la Peña
- Over and Under the Pond, by Kate Messner

This is just a list of suggestions. You may choose any book you feel is at a good level for your student!

The book report layout is on the following page. You only have to do the report for one book that you read this summer, but please be reading a little every day, or as much as possible!

Happy Reading!

Ms. Chomsky

BOOK REPORT

Name: _____ Date: _____



Title: _____

Author: _____

What was your favorite part of the story?

Draw your favorite part of the story.

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