

August 31, 2011

Dear First Grade Families:

Welcome to first grade and the 2011-2012 school year. I am very excited about this school year and hope we can work together to make first grade a fun, successful, and memorable experience for your child.

### **First Grade Assessment**

I would like to give you an opportunity to visit first grade while also completing volunteer hours. On Wednesday, September 7, and Thursday, September 8, I will be conducting the initial first grade reading and math assessment from 8:15-10:30. I will need 2 to 3 parent volunteers to assist with student supervision of student games and centers during the assessment. If you would like to volunteer you may reach me by email (bclift@stmarysspokane.org), call the school office (924-4300) or detach and return the form below.

### **SEESAW Book Order**

Each year I order books for the classroom and want to offer you an opportunity to purchase quality books at reasonable prices. I have attached the September See Saw book order. If you are interested in ordering, please return the order form and money to school by Friday, September 9. All checks should be made out to: **Scholastic Books**. You are also welcome to order online at [www.scholastic.com/bookclub](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclub). The first time activation code is: GKGG2. Orders on the internet are also due on Friday, September 9.

### **Birthdays**

We love to celebrate student birthdays at school but please keep it simple. Please limit treats to one snack and one napkin per student. Let me know **before** the time of your child's birthday if you will be sending treats. I have many students with summer birthdays so pick a date for your child's celebration and let me know as soon as possible.

### **Healthy Snacks**

All students should have a healthy snack for our nutritional break time at 10:00 a.m.

### **Last, but not Least!**

On-time school attendance is very important. Each day your first grader is responsible for completing an entry task before attending Morning Meeting. Students may begin arriving at school at 7:50 a.m. Class instruction begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. with all school prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Thanks for your help and support,  
Becky Clift

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I can help with assessment on Wednesday, September 7.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I can help with assessment on Thursday, September 8.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **No, I am unable to help with the assessment at this time.**

**Student/Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_