

September 6, 2011

Dear First Grade Families:

### **First Grade Assessment**

The first grade reading and math assessment will be conducted on Wednesday, September 7, and Thursday, September 8. The assessment will run from 8:15-10:30. Thanks, again, to the following parents:

**Wednesday, September 7: Mary Bacon, Stacey Sweeney, Nikki Lane, and Tracy Jolie. Thursday, September 8: Theresa Amble, Jeanette Benson, Christy Wallace, and William Persons.** If your situation has changed and you can no longer help, please let me know as soon as possible because **Christy Miranda and Ellen Talkington** said they could help either day.

### **Seatwork and Homework**

During a normal five-day school week, your child will be completing four days of independent seatwork during reading rotations. Reading will include guided reading and writing with the teacher, literacy centers, and seatwork. At this time, the class is working to complete all work independently and neatly.

Homework is another important aspect of first grade. Your child will normally have homework Monday through Thursday evening. Please set up an area and a consistent schedule to ensure completion of your child's homework.

### **Reminders**

#### **Open House**

**Open House is Thursday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m.** Code of Conduct training will be in the gym prior to the Open House. You need this training in order to volunteer at school. Parents who have already taken this training, will need to do their annual update online.

#### **Fun Run**

Please support the 2010 Fun Run! Family packets were sent home on Friday, September 2. To earn a Fun Run t-shirt, each student/family will need 10 sponsors. Sponsor forms need to be turned in no later than Thursday to earn a t-shirt. Students earning Fun Run t-shirts this week can wear the t-shirt on Friday, September 9, with uniform bottom.

#### **Pick Up**

To help facilitate picking up your first grader, please let them know each morning where you will be waiting after school. The usual pick up spot for first grade is in front of the school where there is a supervising teacher. Some of the first graders are also met outside the classroom (and building, please) by an older sibling. The hallway outside the first grade classroom has become very congested because kindergarten students must be picked up inside by a parent or older sibling.

#### **Snacks**

Please remember to send a healthy snack that can be consumed in a 5- to 10-minute time period. If possible, the snack needs to be in the student backpack rather than the student lunchbox.

#### **Book Orders**

Scholastic book orders and monies are due on Friday, September 9. Checks need to be made out to: **Scholastic Books**. If ordering online, go to [www.Scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.Scholastic.com/bookclubs). The class activation code is: GKGG2. Please let me know if you need additional order forms.

I hope to see you for Open House,  
Becky Clift