

July 2009

Dear Incoming First Graders,

We are so excited that you will be in our classes! We know that your Kindergarten teachers read many wonderful stories to you last year. You will continue to hear many terrific books in the first grade.



Many other fun-filled activities are planned for you in first grade. In some of these units, you will learn about apples and the community. In science, you will explore the three different types of matter: solids, liquids, and gases. We will also observe and study ants in their colonies. You will go on field trips to an apple orchard, the theatre, a museum, and to important places in the community.

Reading books with patterns is an enjoyable way to learn to read. Some books with patterns are Brown Bear, Brown Bear and Polar Bear, Polar Bear by Bill Martin, Jr.; If You Give a Mouse a Cookie and If You Give a Mouse a Muffin by Laura Joffe

Numeroff; and Chicken Soup with Rice by Maurice Sendak.

When you or your parents read books this summer, you can talk about the pictures, tell what you think will happen next, or talk about what you would do or feel if you were a character in the story.

Please have an adult write the name of a favorite book that you read (or a book that an adult read to you) over the summer vacation on the special recording sheet. Bring in the sheet on the first day of school. You will share it with your new first grade friends during the first week of school.

We look forward to seeing you next year in first grade. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

The First Grade General Studies Teachers

# First Grade Summer Reading

My favorite book I read or listened to this summer was:

\_\_\_\_\_ (title)

By \_\_\_\_\_ (author)

If you want, you may make a picture to help you remember the book.



Please bring this sheet to school on the first day.

Name \_\_\_\_\_