Dear First Grade families,

Welcome to First Grade! We look forward to working with your child this school year. God has been faithful in providing a Spirit-filled place in Valley Stream Christian Academy for us to come together as a family to continue to grow spiritually, physically, emotionally, and academically! We will create many wonderful memories this coming school year.

Here are some suggestions to keep in mind throughout the school year:

* Read every day with your child! Reading should be a fun, interactive time for you and your child.
* Go to church as a family, read the Bible and pray together with your child.
* Make sure your child eats healthy foods, and gets enough rest and exercise.

Please have your child bring in a show and tell the first week of school from a fun summer memory.

Attached you will find a list of school supplies that your child will need.

Please label everything!

I am praying for all of our families throughout the summer; please pray for us and our families as well!

We look forward to greeting all of you in person. Enjoy these months with your children!

Blessings,

Your First Grade Teacher

**First Grade Supply List**

* An extra set of clothing , labeled, in a zip lock bag in case of a soiling accident
* A large box of tissues (I may request more half way through the year)
* A roll of paper towels
* A container of hand wipes
* A container of disinfecting wipes (for the desks)
* A box of gallon size ziplock bags
* A box of sandwich size ziplock bags
* A pack of highlighters (any color)
* A pack of construction paper
* A pack of pink erasers
* 2 packs of gluesticks
* A pack of multi-color Expo-type dry erase markers (LOW ODOR PLEASE!!!)
* A white marker board ( personal use size)
* A sock for erasing the white board (an old clean one is fine!)
* 2 packs of pencils (#2 please)
* A plastic shoebox with lid for holding personal supplies
* A DURABLE pocket folder for daily homework and notes
* 2 other pocket folders (one red, one blue please)
* 2 primary journal composition books; they have a blank drawing space at the top.

 (one for Bible notes, one for creative writing)

* 2 black composition notebooks for spelling and social studies notes (no drawing space)
* Bible- please send in the NIrV Adventure Bible for Early Readers (New International Reader’s Version, Zonderkidz) to keep in school
* A 12 inch/centimeter ruler
* A box of crayons (24 count is fine)
* A set of thin washablemarkers
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* A pair of children’s scissors
* A smock or old adult tee shirt
* A set of small index cards
* A pack of looseleaf
* A zipper type pencil case for the child’s desk (all extra supplies will be kept in the plastic shoebox on a shelf)

If I have forgotten anything or we run out, I will ask you to replenish certain things half-way through the year!

God bless! Enjoy the summer.

Your First Grade Teacher