



September 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

School 16 Annex "First Grade"

Welcome Back

Welcome to a brand-new school year! First grade is an exciting time for children. This school year your child will be learning to read and will also be learning the basic fundamentals of mathematics and science/social studies concepts. First grade is the foundation of ALL future learning and it is therefore one of the most important years in your child's school experience. We will be laying down the groundwork for the future. Our goal is to help the children gain a sense of responsibility that will carry over with them as they continue throughout each grade. As we begin the new school year, we'd like to point out some basic guidelines to help you and your child prepare for first grade.

Supplies

Please refer to the supply list attached to this letter. Please try to have all supplies in **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

Label! Label! Label!

Please write your child's name on **ALL** of their belongings. This includes **book bags, clothing, and ALL supplies**. If your child has money for lunch/snack, please place the money in a Labeled Zip Lock bag.

Home/School Notebook

The first graders will be using a Home/School notebook this school year. We will use this home/school notebook to communicate any messages between school and home. Please use this notebook for absent notes for the school office. **(An absent note can NOT be sent on Class Dojo.)** Make sure your child returns this notebook to school **EVERY DAY!**

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a computer-based program and a Mobile App that we use as a communication tool. It will be used to inform you of events going on in the classroom and daily schedules. PLEASE check Class Dojo EVERY DAY for information.

Snack Info

We have will have snack EVERY afternoon. Please provide your child with a healthy snack in a **separate bag**. Ideas include: goldfish, crackers, veggie sticks, yogurt. Please include a juice/water. No glass bottles or soda.

The first few weeks set the tone for the entire school year. When we work together, we can emphasize the importance of learning at school and at home! We look forward to your support during the upcoming school year, and your input as well. Together we can help your child succeed!

Thank You,
The First Grade Team