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Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome! Hope you had a great summer! We are looking forward to seeing your first grader on the first day of school. It will be an exciting year for all of us! We have many interesting and educational things planned.

Here are some fun family activities to do together that will help you get ready for school:

- Visit the Boyne City Public library and check out some good books to read together
- Practice writing letters, journal entries, shopping lists, and stories
- Practice counting as far as you can go (by 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s)
- Practice adding and subtracting numbers

All first grade classes focus on the core academic subjects of reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. Your child will experience many varied learning opportunities throughout his/her day.

We're sure that your child is as excited about learning as we are about teaching him/her. We encourage as much support with this endeavor at home as possible. Please help us to teach our new first graders while they are so excited about learning.

Due to latex allergies, first graders will be provided with latex-free pencils and erasers. While shopping for additional classroom supplies, please attempt to purchase latex-free products. It is relatively easy to find supplies offered in latex-free alternatives, but it does take a little shopping. We would also ask that while purchasing school snacks, you would refrain from purchasing snacks that contain peanuts or peanut oil. *Please see the back of this letter for a complete supply list.

We have planned many opportunities for you to come visit your child's classroom throughout the year. Be on the lookout for information coming home from your child with regards to special projects occurring in the classroom, as well as any other important information we may need to convey. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

The Boyne City Elementary School First
Grade Staff



First Grade Supply List



Students will be provided with paper, pencils, liquid glue, pocket folders and much, much more. If you could send in the following items, it would be greatly appreciated:

If possible, please bring these items with you to Parent Orientation.

- A large, **old** shirt to use a paint shirt for Art
- 2 boxes of 24 count crayons (We will use one now and save one for later in the year)
- 2 small glue sticks
- 1 small plastic pencil box (Large enough to fit crayons, pencils, scissors)
- 1 box of tissues
- *If you are a boy:* 1 box of quart size zip-lock bags **and** 1 box of gallon size zip-lock bags
- *If you are a girl:* 1 container of disinfectant wipes **and** 1-12 ounce or larger bottle hand sanitizer
- 1- 70 page spiral notebook
- 1 healthy snack to share with the class (crackers, cereal, pretzels)

Thank you very much!