

Dear Incoming First Grader,

June 2018

We are very excited to meet you! We have lots of special things planned when you get to first grade in September.

We will learn about addition, subtraction, counting money, and telling time. We will talk about the solar system and how plants grow. In the spring, we will hatch baby chicks!

We read lots of books in first grade. To get ready for the challenges ahead, we are asking you to read and create a book response from **one** book. We would like to offer you several of our favorite titles to enjoy. These titles include: <u>Go, Dog, Gol</u>, <u>Put Me in the Zoo</u> or <u>Pete the Cat at the Beach</u>. The option of choice is important in reading. If you would like to select a different title, you may choose from the 1<sup>st</sup> grade book list link or choose a book of your own and enjoy!

To show off all your hard work reading this summer, we encourage you to choose **one** of the following projects for your book response:

- Paper-plate puppet
- Paper-bag puppet
- Favorite Part book report (paste your finished report to a piece of construction paper)

The instructions for each project are attached. Please bring your completed project to school before September 26th. We can't wait to see your wonderful work!

We hope you will read other books this summer, too. We encourage you to use the 1<sup>st</sup> grade book list to guide you in choosing some additional books to help you grow as a reader and thinker. There is also a Summer Reading Log to write down the books you read. Please bring the log to school during the first week back. If you read five or more books, you will get a certificate of participation and be eligible for a special prize!

Enjoy your vacation! We will see you on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely, The First Grade Teachers