

June 8, 2018

Dear Parents,

This will be my final letter for the year. As I sit and write it to all of you, I realize how much the children have grown and developed new skills over the year. I was just looking at some of the pictures that were taken at the beginning of the year and look at them now. They have begun to turn into first graders. It has been a pleasure to work with them and all of you. For some of you, this will be my final year with you as this is your youngest child. But others I hope to work with in the future with younger children. Whatever the case may be, please know that you are always welcome to contact me if you have questions or concerns. I will continue to support you in any way that I can or help you to find answers.

Next week will be a little different, but the children will still have three full days of school. Tuesday will be our field day and the theme will be traditional games. The forecast looks good so far, let's keep our fingers crossed. The children should try to wear something pink, but please don't stress if they don't have anything. **They should wear sunscreen** as we will be in and out of the building throughout the day. **Lunch will be hot dogs that day.** It will be a day full of fun so they should come home tired. There is another note attached about field day.

Wednesday, the children will have a brief Step Up to first grade. They will spend a few minutes in each first grade to meet both teachers and hear a little about both rooms. This will help them to learn about both classrooms and see what they look like.

Also, on Wednesday students will bring report cards home with them as this will be their last day of school. I try to put as many comments onto the report cards as possible to help you understand where the grades are coming from. Just remember, if your child has dropped it might not be due to them losing skills as the standard continues to grow. If they have not continued to grow, then they will not meet the standard any longer. The name of their first grade teacher will be on the report card.

Continue to read, count, play and have fun over the summer. Look for fun ways to work in the reading and counting. There are free library programs all around or free concerts to attend to practice being polite in an audience. Go for walks to look around for things. The list is too long to include here. **Just have a great summer!**

Students first day back in the fall is Tuesday, August 28.

Thank you again for all of your support and for sending me such great kids every day. Please stay in touch and enjoy your children as much as I do.

All My Best!