Dear Parents,

We are happy to be teaching your child in first grade and we are looking forward to another exciting school year. We, as teachers, will work hard to give each of the children many successful experiences and challenges in first grade. It is truly an honor to develop and nurture these precious gifts of God.

Your child should bring the following items to school on the first day if possible:

- 4 or 5 regular sized pencils (sharpened if possible)
- crayons
- Crayola markers
- colored pencils
- a large eraser
- glue sticks
- an art shirt
- a scissors (Fiskers for kids are great)
- a plastic box to keep supplies in (such as crayons, markers, etc.)
- a 3-ring binder a 1 inch size for our collection of poems, songs and chants (Trapper Keepers are too large and bulky)
- money to use for math 20 pennies, 5 nickels, 10 dimes, 6 quarters (send these in a labeled zip-lock bag)

Please label your child's things with his or her name, as things get misplaced often.

Since most of our school is carpeted, to prevent excess wear on the carpet, we ask that the children bring in two sets of shoes to school. One pair will be kept at school to wear for inside, and the other pair will be used for outside play and also to wear home. Inside shoes don't have to be new, just clean. Students will need tennis shoes for gym class. We appreciate your support concerning this.

Also, if you plan to purchase a backpack for your child, keep in mind that it can't be too large to fit in the lockers. Backpacks that are too large tend to jam the lockers.

We would appreciate your prayers as we prepare for the new school year. We are excited to meet you and your children.

In Christ's Service, The First Grade Teachers