

August 1, 2009

## Dear First Grade Friends,


Welcome to **First Grade**. I'm very excited to begin my tenth year at Dondero and to be YOUR teacher this coming school year! I can't wait to see you again and to learn more about you and your family!

I know you will have lots to teach me and the other children in our class! Together we will have such **fun** learning more skills as authors, illustrators, artists, mathematicians, inventors, readers, problem solvers, researchers, creators, compassionate friends and a whole lot more!




I am also looking forward to learning more about different places in the world, and how people and animals live in these places. Several years ago I was lucky enough to go on an adventure to six different countries in Africa. I am excited to share all I learned about some of the animals I saw, children I met, and the music, art, food and way of living I experienced. If you have any information, photographs, books, or objects having to do with any part of Africa feel free to bring them in to share. We will also spend time learning about all the places around the world that you and your classmates are from, have visited and/or already know about.

### Items to bring the first week of school:

 **A Treasure Box** filled with up to 6 small items that tell about you and your family (i.e. photographs or drawings of you; your family or any pet(s) you have; your favorite color, food, song, book or stuffed animal; photographs; learning materials; etc.). Your Treasure Box can be made out of any container or box about 10"x 10" (or smaller). You can decorate the outside with wrapping paper, stickers, artwork, etc. Have fun!

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 **A live Monarch Caterpillar** and/or **a Garden Snail** if you happen to find either one (hint: Monarch Caterpillars love to munch on the underside of milkweed leaves).

## Special Invitation



I hope to see you during the "Watermelon Welcome Back" on Monday, August 31st!

Have a slice of watermelon on the playground and come see your new classroom.

I would love to visit with you and your family!

I can't wait to be your **first grade** teacher! We will have such **fun** learning and growing together. Please call me at the school or at 203-240-4232 if you have any questions or want to tell me anything about yourself!

Love, Mrs. Conrad

Supplies Wish List: Crayola thin and thick markers, crayola crayons, crayola colored pencils, tissues, hand soap, newspaper, (Thank you!)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# First Grade Learning Fun

(Draw and/or write what you are most excited about learning in First Grade.)

