Dear Fabulous First Grader,

Welcome to the first grade. I am so excited that you will be coming to my class! A little bit of information about myself, I have been teaching for over 25 years. I have 2 sons, Jackson, who is a recent Cornell University graduate and Cooper, who is a Junior at Binghamton University. I have planned many exciting things for us to do this year. You will be reading new stories, and meeting some new friends. This year we will also be learning new and interesting things in math, science, and social studies. Writing will be a very important part of our day as well.

The first day of school is a full day, so please be sure to bring your lunch, or you may get a school lunch. Also, please bring a snack to school to have at snack time. **If you bring money to purchase a snack or ice cream for lunch, please put it in a sealed envelope with your first and last name on it so it doesn't get mistaken for someone else's money.** Also, wear or bring your sneakers because if it is a nice day, we go outside for recess and **you must wear sneakers to play on the playground.** You also need socks and sneakers for Physical Education.

On the back of this letter is a list of supplies that you will need this year. It is important to have your supplies so that you are prepared for fun and learning. Please remind your parents to put your name on **everything** that you bring to school. Enjoy the rest of your vacation, and I will see you soon. Look for me in room #112!

Your new friend and teacher,

Mrs. Marko
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Supply List

- Backpack (labeled with name)
- Box of facial tissues (for classroom use)
- #2 pencils (several)
- Glue sticks (several)
- Erasers
- Supply box for crayons, pencils (labeled with name)
- 1 box of crayons (8 pack is preferred)
- Box of washable markers
- 1 pair of scissors
- Sneakers for gym and recess
- Art smock (an old tee shirt is fine)
- Playdough
- Headphones for Ipad (labeled with name)

Optional Supply List

The following materials are optional and will be used by the children this year in many different ways. By contributing to the classroom learning materials, the children realize that they are a valued and needed member of our class. Anything that you can contribute will be greatly appreciated.
Thank you.

- Ziploc sandwich bags
- Ziploc quart size bags
- Ziploc gallon size bags

Notes for Parents

- Any money sent to school should be sent in an envelope labeled with the child's name and exact use for the money.
- Daily snack should be sent in by parents (I always have some if a child forgets)
- Notes are needed for absences and bus changes