



Dear Parents and Guardians,

A new school year is beginning, and I am very fortunate to be your child's teacher this year! I hope the information below will help ease the transition into first grade. My email address is jpetras@cbsd.org. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Important Beginning Dates to Remember:

- First Day of School: Monday, August 29th, 2022
- Back to School Night: Wednesday, September 7th, 2022, @ 6:30 PM

Attendance: Your child's attendance is critical in first grade. Please be sure that your child arrives on time every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. Your child's schoolwork will be saved for him/her to complete when they return to school. **Please remember to send a note** explaining the reason for the absence when your child returns to school. (An e-mail works best!)

Dismissal Changes: If you know in advance, please e-mail me **AND** Groveland Attendance (groveattend@cbsd.org). If you do not have an e-mail address, you may send in a note with your child. For any last-minute dismissal changes, please phone the school office, as I cannot retrieve e-mails during instructional time.

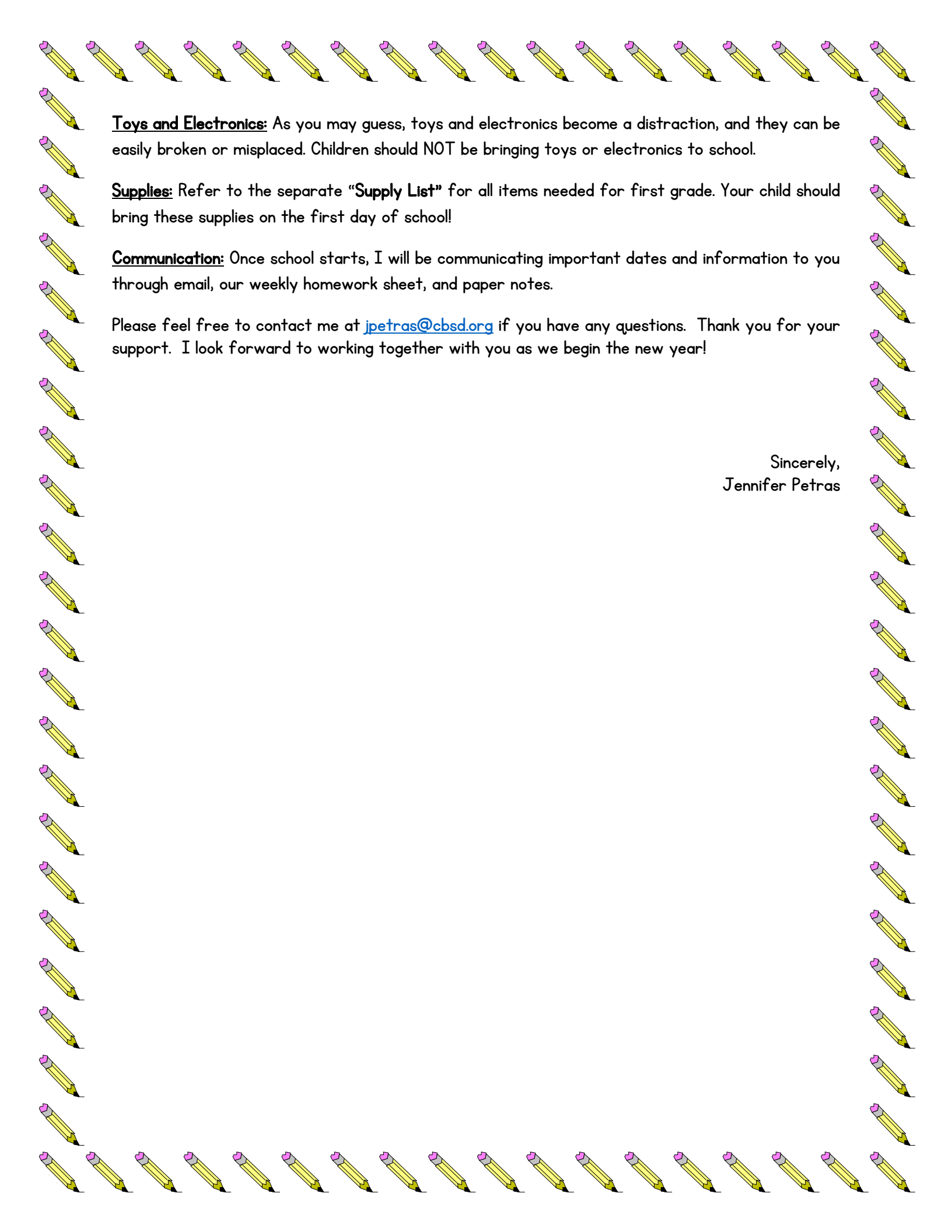
Homework: Homework will require some parental involvement at this level. Your cooperation is essential in developing a positive homework habit. Encourage your child to ask for help when he/she doesn't understand something or is frustrated. If the task becomes too frustrating, stop and take a break. Any work done under stress or frustration is not a positive or healthy learning experience. Please let me know if there are ever any issues.

Homework Folder: Every day your child will bring home his/her Homework Folder. Please check this every day. It may contain important announcements, homework assignments, or completed work. It is very important that your child brings this back to school each day. This will help to create a routine and continue the communication between home and school.

Lunch: Your child has the option of packing lunch or getting lunch at school.

Snack: We will take a snack break each day. Please remember to send a **small** healthy snack with your child daily. Please do not send any peanut butter snacks due to classroom allergies. Your child should also bring a water bottle daily (no juice, please). There is NO classroom water fountain.

Birthday Celebrations: Our class will not be allowing any food treats for birthdays. If a student wishes to share a treat with the class, they may bring in pencils, bookmarks, erasers, or to donate a book in the child's honor to our class library. We also ask that party invitations are not handed out at school unless your child is inviting the entire class or gender.



Toys and Electronics: As you may guess, toys and electronics become a distraction, and they can be easily broken or misplaced. Children should NOT be bringing toys or electronics to school.

Supplies: Refer to the separate “Supply List” for all items needed for first grade. Your child should bring these supplies on the first day of school!

Communication: Once school starts, I will be communicating important dates and information to you through email, our weekly homework sheet, and paper notes.

Please feel free to contact me at jpetras@cbsd.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your support. I look forward to working together with you as we begin the new year!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Petras