

Hello Future First Grader!

Welcome to Room 11! I hope you are enjoying the summer and you are ready for an exciting year of learning together! I am thrilled to have you as a student and can't wait to see you in September. Below you will find your first homework assignment for first grade! Have fun with this assignment, and be as creative as you can be in order for me and your fellow classmates to learn something new about you this year!

### "Me Sack"- Homework for September 3, 2019

In the Poem, "What's in the Sack" the poet, Shel Silverstein, never tells us what's in his sack; he seems to be upset that everyone is curious about what's in the sack and nobody seems interested in him. He leaves it to your imagination. Read the poem below with your family...Can anyone guess what's in his bag?

#### What's in the Sack?

"What's in the sack?

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Is it some mushrooms or is it the moon?

Is it love letters or downy goosefeathers?

Or maybe the world's most enormous balloon?

What's in the sack? That's all they ask me.

Could it be popcorn or marbles or books?

Is it two years' worth of your dirty laundry?

Or the biggest ol' meatball ever cooked?

Does anybody ask me, "Hey when is your birthday"?

"Can you play monopoly?" "Do you like beans"?

What is the capital of Yougoslavia"?

Or "Who embroidered that rose on your jeans"?

No, what's in the sack? That's all they care about.

Is it a rock or rolled up giraffe?

Is it pickles or nickels or busted bicycles?

And if we guess it will you give us half

Do they ask where I've been, or how long I'll be stayin',

Where I'll be goin', or when I'll be back,

Or "How do?" or "What's new?" or Hey why are you blue?"

No, all they keep asking is, "What's in the sack?"

"What's in the sack?" I'm blowing my stack

At the next one who asks me, "What's in the sack?"

What?

Oh no. Not you too!"

You will also be leaving your "Me Sack" up to our imagination by creating a "Sack" using riddles. Follow the directions below to create this super fun project to share with your classmates during the first week of first grade!

**Directions:**

- ✓ Choose a bag to use to create your "Me Sack".
- ✓ Pack it with 3 items that best describe you.
- ✓ The items can be magazine clippings, student drawings, photographs, clay models, or any physical objects to represent your hobbies, characteristics, culture or whatever you choose to share about yourself.
- ✓ Please put your name on the INSIDE of the bag in order to keep your bag unknown.
- ✓ Write three riddles about yourself that would help your classmates guess the objects inside the "Me Sack".

**Clues might be:**

- I like to swim. (Inside the sack you have goggles.)
- I am an animal lover. (Inside the sack you have a picture of animals.)
- I collect baseball cards. (Inside the sack you have baseball cards.)
- Then you can end your riddle with "Who am I?"

During the first few days of school, I will mix up the "Me Sacks", read the riddles to the class, and we will all try to guess who the owner is! Once the owner of the "Me Sack" is revealed, that person will then talk about the items in the sack! Our goal is to learn all about each other!

Have fun and be creative! I can't wait to see you in September!

Mrs. Shinkunas

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