



Dear First Grader,

Welcome to first grade! My name is Mrs. Trouts and I will be your teacher! I'm excited to have you as my student this year! I hope that you are having **FUN** this summer! While at home with my three boys, I enjoyed lots of family bike rides, walks, and swimming in our pool. We also took a trip to Florida! We swam with manatee, went parasailing, and visited Disney World and Universal Studios!

You have so much to look forward to in first grade! The first few weeks of school we will spend time creating a friendly, respectful, and exciting learning community. First grade is certainly filled with **many neat things to learn about!** You will learn new strategies to help you read even better. In math, you will learn and work with numbers and shapes as we add, subtract, graph, sort, create patterns, measure, tell time, and count money. You will use games and iPad apps to develop fact fluency for addition and subtraction. In science, you will study living things and the weather. In social studies, we will learn about important people and life long ago. There will be a lot of learning in first grade, for sure!

I imagine you are getting ready for a **BIG** year of learning! First graders always want to know what to bring to school on the first day. You must bring a **BIG smile!** I can't wait to see all of the smiling faces in our class on Monday, August 29!

Enjoy the rest of summer break! Welcome to first grade! I am so excited to meet you soon and be your teacher! We will have a memorable, exciting, and joyful year of learning together!

Your first grade teacher,  
Mrs. Trouts 😊

