



Dear First Grader,

Welcome to first grade! My name is Mrs. Kruzits and I am your teacher!! I am so excited to meet you! I hope you are having an awesome summer and are ready to start a brand-new school year. I have been enjoying lots of family time this summer with my husband and son, Sammy.

First grade is so much fun! We are going to learn a lot and have a great time too! You have so much to look forward to in first grade! During the first few weeks of school we will spend time creating a friendly, respectful, and exciting learning community. We will learn phonics strategies to help our reading soar! In math, we will be learning and working with numbers and shapes as we graph, sort, create patterns, measure, tell time and count money. We will also be using tools to develop fact fluency with addition and subtraction. In science, we will also study living things and do some fun experiments. In social studies, we will learn about different holidays and traditions that people celebrate. Our class will do many exciting things. There will be a lot of learning in our classroom!

First graders always want to know what to bring to school on the first day. First of all, you must bring a **BIG smile**! That is the most important thing you can pack with you on our first day, **Monday, August 29th**.

Your teacher,
Mrs. Kruzits

P.S. **I am SO excited to meet you** and see your **smiling** face! I hope you have a countdown to the first day of school like me!

