

Ms. Selli's First Grade Class  
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Dear Parents,

The new school year will soon begin and I am very happy that your child will be in my First Grade classroom. This will be my second year at American International School of Monrovia and I am excited for the year of the Wildebeest to begin.

It's going to be a very busy and rewarding year for your child. I will make every effort to help him/her feel safe, comfortable, and happy. One of your child's First Grade goals will be to read and write independently. We will do this everyday in school and you will be amazed at how quickly your child will catch on. We will also begin to spell words correctly, understand math concepts, participate in hands-on math and science activities, and work cooperatively with classmates. We look forward to challenging your child and meeting his/her individual needs. The body of this packet will include information about rules, procedures, activities, and expectations for your first grader. Please keep this letter for future reference. It can also be accessed from my school website at [www.aismonrovia.com/teacherprofiles/mayahselli](http://www.aismonrovia.com/teacherprofiles/mayahselli).

#### The First Few Weeks

The following will take place the first few weeks of school:

1. Getting to know each other, learning rules, and procedures
2. Assessments of your child's skill level in reading, writing, and math
3. Review of skills learned in Kindergarten (letters, sounds, sight words)
4. Guided Reading Groups
5. Center activities including math, writing, reading, listening, and art
6. Using appropriate manners and following rules in all subjects

#### Communication

Communication between school and home is very important to your child's education. If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child's education please do not hesitate to contact me. If your child does not feel safe, comfortable, or happy about school please call me right away and we will work together to solve any problems. You can expect a newsletter once a month throughout the school year. This letter will tell you what we are working on in school. There will also be other important notes, such as, what supplies are needed, lunch information, important dates, etc. It is extremely important that you check your child's backpack everyday.

#### Recess

Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. We will go outside for recess at everyday (directly after flex groups and after lunch) unless it is raining, then we will be in the gym or classroom.

#### Lunch

The school provides lunch through the HLP (Hot Lunch Program) from Royal Hotel. If you do not want to sign up for the HLP, your child MUST bring his/her snack/lunch every day. There are refrigerators to store lunches and microwaves to warm food (if necessary). Children are also allowed to buy snacks through the Cantina. The booklet consists of 10 coupons and is \$10USD. I normally allow students to use one (1) to two (2) coupons a day, so their coupons booklets last throughout the week.

#### Homework

Homework will now be logged via JupiterED. You should receive a notification via JupiterED when an assignment is due. The school will not be providing agendas this year.

Please provide your child with a folder for their homework. This folder will be used to return homework and send notes. Your child will have at most 3 days worth of homework in Reading and Math, Monday-Thursday. Homework must be done each night and returned to school on the following day (homework is kept track of and graded in First Grade).

### Library

We will go to the school library once a week. Your child may borrow a book or two. These books may be returned before or on the next scheduled library day. I will let you know the scheduled library time in schedule that will be sent to parents. Keep a safe spot for your books at home so that they remain clean and undamaged and so that you can find them easily. Damaged, soiled or unreturned books are your responsibility.

### Specials

We will have PE class with Ms. M. Wiles twice a week (Tuesday and Thursday) and art class with Ms. M. Wiles (Monday and Wednesday). Please make sure your child has sneakers and a water bottle on the PE days. There will also be a First Grade Multimedia curriculum that will be taught by Ms. Holcombe within the computer lab.

### Rules / Consequences

Please review the following classroom rules with your child before the start of school:

- 1: I will follow directions the first time my teacher asks.
- 2: I will raise my hand and not interrupt the teacher or others.
- 3: I will be respectful and kind to my teacher and classmates.
- 4: I will work hard and always try my best!

Our class will use an online system called ClassDojo. This gives students and parents the opportunity to see what is happening within the classroom daily as far a behavior and participation. Please make sure you sign up for ClassDojo. You can sign up for notifications from ClassDojo regarding their behavior.

\*\* I will not allow severe behavior problems to interfere with learning in my classroom. In the event of severe behavior problems ( i.e. fighting, cheating, etc.), the Principal and/or Director will be consulted.

### Supplies

Please refer to [www.aismonrovia.openapply.com](http://www.aismonrovia.openapply.com) to access supply list.

### First Day of School Reminders

1. Bring a backpack (labeled). In fact, bring a backpack everyday.
2. Do not bring any toys, gadgets, etc. from home unless for Fun Day Friday sharing.
3. Do wear clothes and shoes that are comfortable.
4. Do go to bed early each night before school so that you will be awake and ready to learn each day.
5. Do eat a healthy breakfast each day before coming to school.

Parents, if you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to call or email me. We have been working hard to get everything ready for the upcoming school year, and we look forward to seeing your child on the first day of school. We will work hard to meet the individual needs of every child in my classroom everyday, and therefore we have high expectations of your child's behavior and attitude. We look forward to working together to make this a very successful year for your child.

Sincerely,

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