

# FIRST GRADE PARENT'S LETTER

Welcome to 108. My name is Mrs. Marie P. Clarke and it is my pleasure to be your child's teacher. Let me tell you a little about myself. I have been an educator for 22 years. Twenty-one of those years have been at Lea. I have taught Kindergarten, First, and Second grades. I have a Master's Degree in Education. I am certified in K-6 and I also have an ESOL Certification (English as a second language). My goal is to make your child develop a growth mindset, so he or she can be ready for the global world we live in. With us working together and be open in our relationship, I know we can reach that goal. I am sure we are going to have a great year. I have an open door policy. I welcome you to come and volunteer in class. If you need to contact me, you can make an appointment, use Class Dojo or contact me via email. My email address is mclarke@philasd.org. This letter is to inform you of what your child will need and class procedures.



## **Supplies (School)**

- 3 composition books
- 3 dry erase markers
- 2 sturdy pocket folders
- 1 box of tissue
- Complete Change of clothing (Label)
- 1 ream of copy paper
- Old shirt
- Headphones

## Home

- Crayons   Glue Sticks
- Dictionary
- Scissors
- Pencil
- sharpener



## **Punctuality and Absents**

It is important that we start on time. We are training our children to be responsible for when they enter the work force. School begins at **8:30 a.m.** and ends at **3:09**. If you need to pick your child up for early dismissal it must be by 2:30. You will need to **report to the office first** to sign your child out. Students will be met in the big yard or in the Auditorium in inclement weather. When your child is out of school, **a note is required** the next day when he/she returns. **Please date and sign all notes.**



## **Uniforms**

The uniforms are a requirement. **It is khaki pants/skirts with navy blue polo shirts.** If there is a problem, please see me.



## **Homework**

Homework is a way to review what was taught in class. A package for the week will be given on Mondays and will be due the next day. There will be a spelling test on Fridays. A cover page will let you know what the assignments are for each night. **Please keep the package in the folder and sign each assignment.**



## **Lunch**

The School District provides lunch and breakfast. Breakfast is from 8:00-8:25 am.



## Gym

Gym days will be determined later. **There is now a gym uniform. It is a red or white t-shirt, navy blue sweatpants or knee-length gym shorts, and black sneakers.**



## Birthdays

Birthdays are special time. If you like to celebrate your child's birthday, that will be fine. Please let me know in advance.



## Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcome, whether in the classroom or in the school. It will be greatly appreciated. Please let me know. However, you need to have **clearances**, which the school can assist with.