

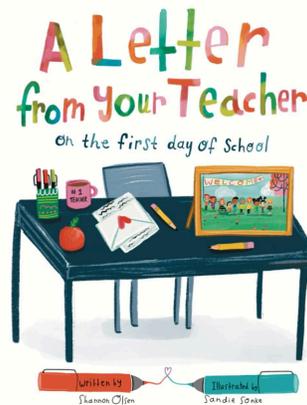


Hello Rising First Grade Families,

Happy Summer! We hope that you and your family are doing well. We are so excited to welcome you and your child to first grade in a few short weeks. We are confident that your child will look back on this school year with fond memories. First grade is an incredible year of growth and we are grateful you are sharing your child with us. One of our goals is to foster your child's love of reading.

With this letter, you will find a letter addressed to your child that contains the details of their summer reading activity. We are very excited to read [A Letter From Your Teacher](#) by Shannon Olsen and illustrated by Sandie Sonke this year! This heartwarming book fosters a strong sense of love and trust to welcome a new group of students on the first day of school. Students are given the message that their new teacher is someone they will get to form a special bond with. It also informs them that their teacher is not only there to help them academically, but also to cheer them on, and to provide a caring, safe environment for them to learn and grow. We encourage you to sit with your child, read the letter with them, and discuss how you will assist your child in completing their activity to prepare for the first day of school, September 3rd.

We look forward to connecting with you closer to the start of school as we prepare to welcome your child to their next adventure. Happy Reading! We hope you have a wonderful summer filled with sunshine, happy days and fun memories!



In Partnership,

Your First Grade Teachers



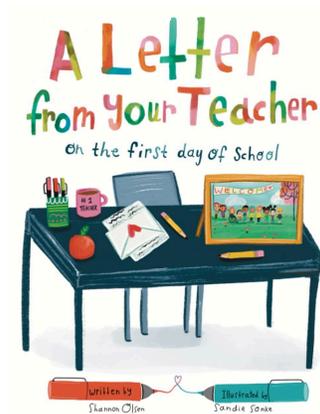
Dear First Grade Friend,

We hope you are having a great summer! There is more time to play in the sun, but in just a few quick months, we will be back at school. We are so excited for first grade and we hope you are too!

In first grade, you are going to achieve so many wonderful things and take on lots of new challenges. As your first grade teachers, we will always be cheering you on, teaching you academics, making you feel safe and encouraging you to try new things! Your family and friends will cheer you on, too! This summer, you will read [A Letter From Your Teacher](#) by Shannon Olsen and illustrated by Sandie Sonke. After reading the story, talk with your family about any connections you have made and brainstorm some ideas for the following challenge:

- Pick an activity that you like to do when you are not at school
- Ask a family member to take a picture of you doing that activity. Before the first day of school, *print your picture out* and put it safely in your backpack. During the first week of school, we will all share our pictures with each other and learn more about our new classroom family!

Summer is the perfect time to have an adventure or learn something new. We hope you are enjoying the warm weather, long days, and free time! Although we are having lots of fun, we can't wait to meet and see you in September!



Love,

Your First Grade Teachers