

Green Valley School

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Dear Parents,

We hope you had a restful and fun-filled summer vacation. As summer comes to a close, your child's first grade school year at Green Valley is quickly approaching. It's an exciting time for your child, and for you, as they leave the world of kindergarten and enter into their grade school years. We want to welcome you and let you know a few things that you can expect and anticipate during your child's upcoming year.

As a first grader, your child will have a school experience that is exciting and challenging. First grade is a transition year into the life of an elementary school student. Two of the biggest changes for first graders, of course, are the playground and the cafeteria. We will spend time during the first several weeks helping your child adjust to these new parts of the campus and feel comfortable with the procedures and expectations. In no time at all, your child is sure to feel like "one of the big kids." The curriculum focus in first grade is on building skills in reading and writing skills, and math. First graders will have access to "just right books" to develop their reading skills. They'll learn to use writing to communicate their thoughts, and they'll begin to learn concepts in math such as addition and subtraction, geometry, and telling time. Our studies in science focus on life cycles and exploring the wonder of our planet's wilderness and wildlife. There are several first grade traditions to look forward to this year, including our holiday performance and the "Rumpus in the Rainforest" musical. Your child will learn have weekly lessons with our specialists in science, P.E. and music. In addition they'll visit the library and the computer lab each week. There is a lot to look forward to, including several educational field trips which include the Smith Family Farm and a theater performance.

We have opportunities for parents to volunteer in our classrooms as well as many other volunteer opportunities throughout our school. You can find out more about how to volunteer and get involved by visiting our [school district website volunteer application](#). We can't wait to meet you and get started on your first grade year of school. See you soon.

Sincerely,

The First Grade Team