

Welcome First Graders!

Welcome back to school and to First Grade at Cielo Azul! We hope you had a summer of exploring activities, places, people and “imagineering” on your own.

The First Grade Teachers are setting up their rooms and getting ready for the new school year. Your teacher will be calling your parent for an appointment to meet you and do some informal assessments (August 13 , 14 , 17 and 18th) so we are ready to go the **first actual day of school which is Wednesday, August 19th**.

You will find the **classroom supplies list** for the coming school year on this web page. Please consider buying your supplies **and bringing them to school the day of your appointment**. It will help get our first day of school started on an easier and calmer pace for you and for our class.

First grade is a new adventure. In kindergarten you learned how to start following general classroom procedures: taking turns, sharing supplies, listening to stories, etc. In first grade you will continue this growth in learning how to succeed in an academic environment and becoming an independent worker.

You will have your own desk and some supplies to keep neat and clean. You will learn how to be a good worker on your own and how to start working in a group situation. You will become more responsible for your daily work and some homework. You will learn how to manage your class work time and move along to other activities in the classroom. It is an exciting time. You will make new friends and enjoy exploring the world with other classmates.

The biggest change will be the growth in your ability to read and write – all by yourself!!!! As a teacher, I think that is my favorite thing – seeing my students succeed in reading and writing. I enjoy your excitement in reading stories and love listening to and reading your stories. Wow! I’m excited to meet you and start our learning together.

See you soon,

Mrs. Hoban

First Grade Team Leader and the First Grade Team

Mrs. Miller, Ms. Maroon, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Mullins, Ms. Wallin