Dear Parents,

 Thank you so much for attending our Orientation Day. It was so nice to meet so many of you this early in the year!

 The children are settling in and adjusting nicely to first grade. We have had a wonderful first week of school. Yay! I am so proud of them for what they have done so far. With your support and encouragement, I know they will keep up the great work!

Our story this week will be What is a Pal?. Our words for this week are:

High Frequency Words – and be help play with you

Spelling – am at sat man dad mat pal and mad hat

\*Our first spelling test (10 words) will be Friday, September 1st. This is a half day of school.

 In math, we will be focusing on addition. You should see math homework starting this week. It may look a little different than what you are expecting or have seen in the past. Please remember, children should NOT learn how to add/subtract using their fingers! I really stress this in my class. Hopefully they will learn so many other strategies that fingers won’t be the easiest thing for them to use. Try using buttons, pennies, crayons, Legos or anything else that is easy to manipulate. These things can always be taken away…fingers cannot!

 Our first “grade sheets” will be sent home on Friday, September 1st. Please check to see if I checked the box requiring a parent signature. If the box is checked, please sign the grade sheet and have your child return it to school Tuesday. If it is not checked there is no need to return it. So many children are off to such an awesome start! Again, I am super proud of them!!

 We will be going to the school library soon. Our library checkout day is TUESDAY. Please make sure your child returns his/her books by TUESDAY to allow him/her a chance to check out different books each week. The children will be excited to check out 2 books this year!

 Thank you so much for everything you have done to help us get off to such a great start this year! We couldn’t have done it without you!

 Friday, September 1st is a half day of school.

Monday, September 4th - No School-Labor Day

Sincerely,

Mrs. Joyce Chakos :)