

Dear Future First Grader,

I am SO excited, that in a just a few short months, I will have the privilege to teach you! I can't wait to see what fantastic readers, writers and editors you have become and how much stronger you will get!

I know you will all continue to read during the summer. I always like to know what books you like and the reason you like them. Before the summer is over please write to me to tell me about your favorite book that your parents read to you as well as your favorite story that you read by yourself. Please tell me a little bit about the book and why you chose it as your favorite. (Parents, inventive spelling is expected. I am looking for an unedited sample of your child's work. If your child needed assistance sounding out a word, or needed any assistance, please add a little note describing the assistance needed at the end of the letter.) You can send me your letter by asking your parents to take a picture and email it to me or you can mail it me. If you mail me a letter I will write back! We can be summer pen pals!

Parents, when reading a book to your child please choose a book that is above your child's current reading level. This will help to increase their developing vocabulary. Having heard the words with you first, as they come across more challenging words in their own reading, they will already be prepared.

I'm so excited to be moving to first grade and I can't wait to read your letters and teach you in August. Enjoy the summer!

Sincerely,
Ms. Buchwalter
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