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Dear First Grader,

Have you had a fun summer? I am looking forward to hearing about your summer when we have our first "Share and Care" time. Did you swim? Did you go to a museum? Did you go for bike rides and walks?

This year, we will do many new things that you will enjoy. We will read lots of books, write stories, work on math problems, and learn about our community. Are you interested in science? We will learn about the weather and hibernating animals. And remember, you will be able to eat lunch at school, have PE every day, go to technology class (computer time), go to art class, have library time, learn Spanish, and listen to music. I know that you will like first grade!

Our first day of school is on Tuesday, September 5th. At that time, you will find your desk, put your supplies away, find your locker, and see many friends. Please bring the following items to school that day:

- a raw fruit or vegetable snack and a flip-top bottle of water (that has your name on it)

- one of your favorite books (You will be telling the class about it and why you like it.)
- a recent photo of yourself with your name on the back

You will take home special project directions from our room on the first day and you will complete a special project for homework.

We are going to learn new things and make new friends in first grade! See you soon!

Love,

Ms. Ballard

P.S. One of my favorite things is telling stories. Another thing I really like is writing stories. I will share some with you soon!