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Dear 1C families,

Welcome to 1C! My name is Brianna Conlan and I will be your child's first grade teacher. I am excited about all of the learning and growing that will happen this year. While every year is important for your child's development, there are many leaps your child will take this year.

In first grade, students will practice reading with fluency and expression. In math they will learn new concepts and begin to develop abstract thinking. They will become critical thinkers while exploring during our science and social studies units. Additionally, your child will make new friends and develop the social skills necessary to be a successful community member. As all of these skills are increasing, you will see their independence and confidence soar!

Throughout the year I will document progress and growth by taking photographs of students and their work. These will be available to see on a password-protected website, accessible through a link on my classroom website. Additionally, I would like to post pictures on my class website, blog, and Twitter feed (NON password-protected, but no faces will be displayed). Students will also be blogging about their work, posting photos and recording their thoughts. These photographs and descriptions will provide families with a peek into our daily life and an update on curriculum topics. Furthermore, you will have a starting point when having conversations about your child's day. Please keep this in mind when deciding whether or not you would like your child's picture taken (see 1C Questionnaire).

I am looking forward to working together with you so your child can have a successful first grade year. I feel a strong family-teacher relationship is vital for a child's success. To start that, I ask you to fill out the 1C questionnaire and return it to me on the first day of school. Please bring items from the Supply List on the first day as well. There are two lists also available on Amazon: items on the Supply List are needed, items on the Wish List are optional. Direct links can be found on 1C's class website, <http://heath1c.weebly.com/>.

Finally, I invite you and your child to come to 1C for a Sneak Peek on **Wednesday, August 31st from 1:30-2:00** (I will confirm this date and time at the end of August). The classroom is room 101. You may also bring questionnaires and supplies at this time. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have over the summer vacation.

I look forward to meeting you all soon!

Best,

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