

Dear Upcoming First Grade Families,

Welcome to first grade at The Calverton School. We look forward to having you join us as we journey together through the wonders of First Grade.

As first grade teachers we are frequently asked by parents to share skills that would be helpful practice for their children over the summer. Well, look no further. Attached is the math and language arts summer work. This little packet will make it easy for you! We know that summer is a busy time filled with camps, vacations and making memories so we tried to ensure that this work can be completed in a very reasonable amount of time. Children will need to bring this packet back to school on the first day and it will serve as a completion grade.

A very special and exciting project that the students are thrilled to share each year will also be due on the first day back to school. During the summer months, please collect items from places that your family visits or things that you do with your family and friends. Make a collage of your summer memories to share and present to your classmates during the first week of school. The collage should be on (approximately) a 15x20 piece of poster boards and may include photographs, ticket stubs, postcards, and of course any other treasures from nature that you have collected. Have fun with this project! It can be as simple or elaborate as you choose. These fantastic creations will be proudly displayed in and around the classroom for all to enjoy.

With the language arts skills packet, collage project, and math practice, the children are sure to be ready for first grade. Oh and don't forget to read regularly with your child; this is one of the most important things you can do to help prevent "Summer Slide."

We hope that you have a fun and safe summer! We look forward to a great year ahead. Wishing you a summer filled with exciting adventures.

> Sincerely, First Grade Team