

Welcome to FIRST GRADE

Dear 1st Grade Families,

I am so excited to begin my time as a teacher with you all! I am so blessed to have the opportunity to teach your children. On the next page, there is a list of all the school supplies needed for this year. Please bring all supplies to Open House in order to help your student get organized for the first day of school. On the last page, you will find information on Summer reading. Please make sure to complete the Summer reading before the first day of school. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at rachel@calvaryccs.com

I am praying for a great school year altogether!

Love,

Mrs. Rachel

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

2024-2025

Please label all school supplies with your child's first name

- 2 boxes of **Ticonderoga #2** pre-sharpened pencils (24 in all)
- 2 big **Pink Pearl** erasers
- 2 boxes of 16 count crayons (32 in all)
- 1 pack of colored pencils (12 count)
- 1 pack of large washable markers (10 count)
- 1 pair of children's **rounded** scissors
- 3 **plastic** folders (blue, red, and green) with **folders and center prongs**
- 12 washable glue sticks
- 1 **wooden** ruler with inches and centimeters
- 1 clear plastic pencil box
- 1 plastic crayon box (It can be found at Walmart, Office Depot, Dollar Tree, or online. Please make sure it is small enough to fit inside the pencil box. Please choose any color you would like!)



- 1 cloth pencil pouch with zipper (lunch money pouch)
- 2 composition notebooks (wide-ruled)
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 tube of chapstick
- 1 bag of M&M's or skittles (family size)



During the Summer, I would like for you and your student to read The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn. I think this book will be a great tool in helping ease your student's nerves and encouraging them that they can do this! You can order this book online, borrow it from the library, or borrow from a friend!

As you read the story with them, I would like for your student to answer these questions out loud. We will do some activities to go along with the book the first week of school.

1. Why does Mrs. Raccoon call it the "kissing hand?"
2. How does Chester feel at the beginning of the story? How does he feel at the end?
3. Have you ever felt like Chester? Talk about it.
4. What was your favorite part of the story? Why?

