

Dear First Graders,

First grade is a fun time of learning! This is the first time that you will get to have your own desk and books, and learn how to work more independently. You will even have your very first history, health, and science books. You will also bring in a Bible and learn how to look up memory verses. In the mornings, after each Bible lesson we have a special time of worship. The students really enjoy being able to learn new songs, and sing praises to God before we start our work.

The big focus for the year is learning to read. Each day, we will be getting together and reading in small groups. You will be reading through the *Abeka* series, and working your way toward the *Magic Tree House* series or CHAPTER BOOKS! This is always a very exciting time for each student.

In math, you will be learning about money, clocks, temperature, the calendar, counting to 1,000, and even learning how to use a ruler. Each year, students love being able to use their very own ruler. It's also very exciting learning about the thermometer. We look up the temperature for the day, and then talk about what kinds of clothes to wear and what activities are good for this temperature.

A special project that we do each year is a country report. You will get to pick from the countries we have learned about in our history book. Then, you will research your country, present your report, and even bring in food for your country. After everyone presents, we all get to try the different foods that each student has brought in to share.

We also have special places that we visit. We go on field trips to Casa de Fruta - Pumpkin Junction, The Exploratorium, Seymour Marine Discovery Center in Santa Cruz, and celebrate the end of the year with a party. These field trips are a great time to learn outside of the classroom, and bond together as a class.

Next year, will be such a great year for you. You will learn and grow so much. Please feel free to email me with any questions at ktimmons@ccsmh.org, or to set up a special time to meet with me and see the classroom.

I look forward to having you in my class,

Mrs. Timmons