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Dear EPCS Families,

Welcome to First Grade!! I hope you are having a fun, safe, and relaxing summer! I can't wait to hear all about it as I get to know you and your children at the beginning of the school year.

I am so excited to meet all my new students this year! I have been teaching at EPCS for 12 years, and this will be my second year in 1st grade, having taught kindergarten for 10. I have two boys who are in 1st and 5th grade this year.

Mrs. Gelin and I have worked together for many years as Kindergarten teachers and now in 1st grade for the 2nd year. Together, we are a great team, and we will work hard to bring out the very best in your child. We feel passionate about the importance of providing each student with a well-structured and cooperative learning environment where students will feel safe, loved, and respected in the classroom. It is our job as your child's teachers to help him/her grow as a learner and as a person of good character.

I hope that your child has made reading and math practice a daily routine during the summer. Please make sure that your child brings in their 2 book reports and their reading log on the first day of school. The students were also provided with a math packet for extra practice, which should also be brought to school on the first day. A copy is available on our school website (englewoodcharter.org) for you to be able to print and complete if needed.

Please label all your child's school supplies with their name. Please provide your child with lunch and a healthy snack starting on the first day of school. In first grade, we eat a snack in the afternoon, so please make sure that your child eats a good breakfast every day.

Parents, I can't wait to meet you at Back-To-School Night, which will be held in September. More details to follow! If you have any questions before the first day of school, please call the office at 201-569-9765.

Warmest Regards,
Ms. Keegan