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Dear

I hope that this letter finds you enjoying a relaxing summer and that you have had lots of time to get outdoors in the beautiful weather we've had! I have been spending lots of fun time with my family, reading some good books, and working on plans for our year together in third grade. Even though the first day of school is still a few weeks away, it's also time for you to start thinking about getting ready for third grade!

Here is a list of things that you will need to bring with you on the first day of school:

1. A *simple* 1" three-ring binder (you can find these at Staples, Walmart, or any other discount store). This will be used as your homework binder.
2. A favorite book: I am so looking forward to starting our reading journey together, that I want us to start our very first day of school by sharing a book you have read or a book someone has read to you this summer. If it is a library book, perhaps you can check it out again or make a photocopy or drawing of the cover to share with the class.

3. A Ziploc bag full of things you could use to help personalize your writing journals. Please don't bring in anything that can't be cut up and glued to your journal (photocopies would work well)

Examples might include:

- *photos or "clip art" (these might represent your favorite activity, your family members, or a favorite vacation spot)
- maps of a places you have visited or amusement parks have enjoyed
- a copy of program or ticket from a play, movie, concert, or wedding, etc.
- anything that expresses a memory of something you did with a friend or family member

4. A *photo taken this summer that shows you doing something you enjoyed **and would want to write your first narrative about.** This might be from a family vacation, party, summer camp, or a picture showing you enjoying an activity in your own home or backyard!

*(*please note: if photos or clip art are unavailable, you can draw your own pictures of these memories instead)*

We will have markers, crayons, and colored pencils available in the classroom. However, you are welcome to bring in your own if you'd like a wider variety of colors. The school will supply notebooks, pencils, rulers, glue, scissors, folders, etc.

(PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES WITH YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.)

I am so glad that you are in my class this year! We will spend a lot of time the first few weeks getting to know each other, learning and practicing routines, and getting familiar with our classroom. Room 24 will be a safe and happy place for all of us to learn! Can't wait to see you on September 1st!