Dear Parents,

Congratulations!  You are the proud parents of a First-Grader here at Dowds Elementary.  I would like to welcome you to one of the most incredible years your child will have in his or her career.  You will be amazed at how much your child will shine in the coming year!

I am pleased to have your child in my classroom!  First Grade is an exciting time as children reach for new heights.  This is a year where children transition to a more formal learning environment in which the acquisition of new skills is accelerated.  Parents and children often have some apprehensions about what will occur this year.  Therefore, it is extremely important to build upon your child’s successes no matter how small they may seem.  Praise your child and encourage them throughout the year in order to help them have a positive self-esteem.

Most likely, your child has learned the beginning skills needed for reading and writing in Kindergarten.  During your child’s First Grade year, these skills will become mastered, new skills will be acquired, and your shooting star will become a better reader. The change from the beginning of the year until the end of the year will be amazing!  You will be star struck.

I hope to inspire the growth of your child by instilling the joy of learning.  I intend to create a classroom where the students are discovering and exploring.  Your child will be busy “doing” and not just listening.  My goal is help each child realize their individual strengths and that they can be successful if they continually try their best.

I am excited to have your child as a First Grader this year!  I hope to make your child’s year a happy and successful one filled with dazzling memories!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ream