## **Dear Parents,**

Welcome to First Grade! I am very excited about working with your child and having a successful year. Communication between school and home is vital to your child's success in the classroom. Please feel free to write a note, call and leave a message, or email me at Miki\_Olsen@Chino.k12.ca.us if you have any questions or concerns.

The students will enter throught the gates and go directly to the playground where I will pick them up. Children should not enter the classroom or play in the hallways but go directly to the playground. If they are eating breakfast, gates open at 7:30 and they will be directed to the cafeteria to pick up their breakfast and then to the picnic tables to eat.

Snacks are encouraged during our first recess. Please make sure your child knows what is for a snack and what is for lunch. I strongly suggest that you place your child's snack in a special pocket in their backpack instead of having it with their lunch. This will help with any confusion.

I have provided each student with a Homework Folder to transport their work back and forth between school and home. All homework is due when you child comes to class. The homework is expected to be completed each day in a neat fashion, and returned in their homework folder when they first enter the class. Expect your child to have homework Monday through Thursday. The purpose of the homework is to have independent practice on newly learned skills. Please participate in your child's learning at home. Go over directions if your child is having difficulty understanding it. Most importantly, go over their homework and make sure it is complete. Any unfinished homework or failure to return materials may result in a homework ticket. In addition to regularly assigned homework, any unfinished class work will be sent home to complete. Those assignments are also due when your child returns to class the next day.

I am looking forward to a wonderful and productive year with your child. Again, if you have any questions or concerns about your child or what is going on in the classroom, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you ahead of time for your prompt return of required forms and the student information sheet.