



## Letter from Mrs. Duffy First Grade

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Dear Parents,

First grade is a wonderful year of growth for children and I am delighted to be sharing my 15<sup>th</sup> year, with your child. In 1975, I received dual credential certification in Elementary and Special Education from San Jose State. I have degrees in accounting, and secretarial skills. I also have been Catechetically Certified with the Diocese of Monterey and am Good Shepherd's Vice-Principal for grades K-4.

This year we will be learning lots of things and having some fun, too. As wonderful as first grade is, the start of the year may be a difficult transition for your child: desks, homework, shorter lunch times, reading, writing, spelling, math and the rest of our curriculum. I think it is helpful to practice skills over the summer so children don't forget all they have learned. I've listed some ideas so that you will know how you can help. This will make an easier transition and a big difference in your child's adjustment to first grade.

I will be checking my [e-mail](mailto:paduffy@gsschool.org) weekly over the summer. If you have questions, I am just a click away: [paduffy@gsschool.org](mailto:paduffy@gsschool.org). I am eager to help your child become an active Christian, a life-long learner and a globally aware moral leader!

Have a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you this fall in first grade.

See you in August,

*Patty Duffy*



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