

BRONX-MANHATTAN SDA SCHOOL
1440 Plimpton Ave, Bronx, NY 10452
Tel. (718) 588-7598/7975 Fax: (718) 588-1052
First Grade Class
Teacher: Ms. B. C. Mc Kenna
School Year: 2019/2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings in the strong name of Jesus! For those of you who are joining us for the first time, welcome to the Bronx-Manhattan School family! I can't wait to know you! For those of you who are returning, it is a joy to have you back! I watched you graduate and now you have come to meet me in the first grade! This will be a new experience for you! Are you ready? Hope you are, because I am! I look forward to our reunion. I look forward to working with all of you, whether new or returning students, to see you grow and learn and be wonderful and successful first graders!

Thank you, parents, for choosing to send your child to this school. You have chosen well for your child. In this school your child is prepared for success as a student, a citizen, to fit and contribute to society and moreso, for a life with Jesus when He comes again. We give your children opportunities to work together, to grow in a love relationship with Jesus, to pray, to develop communication skills which they can use at home, at school, at church, and later on, in the workplace. They are given opportunities to see God at work! Their teachers are caring and patient and willing to work with your child and you for success. Choosing Seventh-day Adventist Christian Education for your child is a wise choice indeed!

I have lots to tell you about what we shall be doing in class! We have a (still new and exciting) reading program which your child will love! I am so pumped about it (you can ask last year's first graders!). It is a very successful program, so look forward to it. There is more to tell, but it shall have to wait for the official parent package which you will receive during the first few weeks of school.

What I will tell you for now, parents/guardians, is that I see you as a very important partner in the development of your child at school. Please understand that. I invite you to let's work together and we shall see great results. I am excited about this school year and about meeting and working with your child and you!

Please do me a favor: on or by the first day of school, please send me a passport-sized picture of your child. We will be doing a time capsule on the first day of school, and we need that picture to put into the capsule. Please interview him/her and write what s/he says to you at the back of the questionnaire attached to this package. Please mail this in to the school or drop it off and here before school reopens, so that I can better plan for your child.

The other thing I want you to do is please, enjoy this year with us! As I said, there is so much to tell you, but this is all for now! See you soon and may God bless you!

Regards,

Ms. B. C. Mc Kenna

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please supply the following items for your child/children:

- **1 blank white T-shirt (large size)** This will be used for an art project ☺
- **7 composition notebooks*** (Marble backs, not ring backs)
- **1(artist's) smock or apron** (can be purchased at some discount/bargain stores. Please buy a bigger size, so your child can grow into it)
- **Supply of glue sticks (Please, NOT glue pens, or liquid glue)** This will be needed throughout the year
- **1 coloring book** (please avoid action figures and ghost/ghastly types. Something educational or Christian will be appreciated)
- **1 jigsaw puzzle (25 to about 40/50 pieces.** Something educational or Christian will be appreciated)
- **1 doodle pad/drawing book**
- **1 box large, non-toxic crayons**
- **1 pack non-toxic color pencils**
- **Supply of #2 pencils** (of good quality, please: some of the others barely last 1 morning. This will be needed throughout the year. Please check Staples for this item)
- **1 pack erasers** (white preferred, as they work better)
- **1 pack non-toxic markers**
- **4 double-pocket folders**
- **1binder and a pack of 100 sheet protectors** (please insert into binder **before** sending to school with your child. This will be a portfolio).
- **1 child-safe scissors** (please, not plastic-bladed ones). They must be round-tipped, not pointy!)
- **Hand sanitizer** (they are consumable and will be needed throughout the year)
- **1 box /pack Wet Wipes** (they are consumable and will be needed throughout the year)
- **1 Chlorox Anytime wipes/Lysol wipes** (these will be used for cleaning the children's desks and chairs and usable surfaces (doorknob, etc.) throughout the year. Each parent donate [at least one] so we could have a year's supply. Thanks in advance ☺).

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- **1 plastic storage box** (for crayons and pencils, etc.)
- **1 pack index cards** (multicolor)
- **1 jumbo-sized AND 1 quart-sized box of Ziploc-type baggies** for use during the year

NOTE: PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S CHILDREN'S NAMES ON ALL ITEMS BELONGING TO THEM BEFORE BRINGING THEM TO CLASS. PUT ALL SUPPLIES INTO A CLEAR BOX (BIN), MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

PLEASE ARRANGE TO BRING THESE SUPPLIES BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (that way, we can set your child up and put things away before the first day of school.

Teachers will be at school the week before school reopens. Please, feel free to bring supplies during that week. I will gladly receive them).
Thanks so much for your help with that.

***In case you were wondering** how we will use the notebooks, here is the breakdown: **Reading/writing journal; Bible/worship; math (journal, desk assignment); science/social studies; phonics/spelling/vocabulary [label it ELA]; special projects=6 notebooks.**

Pencils, crayons, and markers will be used communally. They will be put into baskets so students can work together. This will also save on the amount of crayons you will have to buy your child per year and will help students to work as a community. If you have any questions on this, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks! ☺

Ms. Mc Kenna! ☺

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One Hundred Word List

a	about	after	all	an
and	are	as	at	be
because	been	but	by	came
come	could	day	did	do
down	house	how	1	if
in	into	is	it	its
just	like	little	look	make
man	many	may	me	mom
my	no	see	she	so
some	than	that	the	their
them	then	there	these	they
this	to	two	up	us

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very	was	we	for	from
get		going	got	had
has	have	he	her	him
his	not	now	of	off
on	one	other	our	out
over	put	said	saw	went
were	what	when	which	who
will	with	would	you	your

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Student-Parent Questionnaire

To help me to help your child to get a good start in school this year, please complete this questionnaire and return it as soon as possible. Thank you.

Student Name:

1. My child's general attitude towards school this year is:

2. My child's greatest concern about school for this year seems to be:

3. Some things my child does very well are (these do not have this pertain to school):

B.

c.

D.

4. An area I would like to see my child work especially hard in is:

5. Some things I have wondered about this year is:

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6. Some things that seem difficult for my child are (not necessarily school work):

7. I would appreciate any suggestions or comments you have that help me work more effectively with your child.

Thank you for taking time to fill this out.

Ms. Mc Kenna,
1st Grade Teacher