



Dear Parents,

Your child encounters many learning experiences here at school. The growth is so exciting during this first grade year. We would like to extend some of these experiences with you at home. Every other week, your child will bring home a plastic backpack. In a backpack is a hands-on math activity or a literacy activity. The activity includes a book related to a math or reading skill, a letter containing directions, a journal, and any supplies needed.

We ask that you work with your child to complete the activity. This is a way for you to be more involved in your child's education and have some special time together.

The backpack will go home on a **Wednesday**. We ask that it be returned by the following **Monday**. This gives you a chance to find the best time for you to work together.

We understand that during the year things may become lost or damaged. However, if this happens with one of the backpacks, we will ask that you pay a \$15 fee so that we can replace the items as soon as possible and place it back into circulation for the next student.

These activities and games are a lot of fun and encourage mathematical or literacy thinking skills. We believe you and your child will enjoy the take-home backpacks. However, we want you to have the option of doing them or not. Attached is a "contract" for you to sign. In signing, you agree to do the backpack with your child and return the backpack and supplies by the next Monday. You also agree to the \$15 fee if anything becomes lost or damaged. If you do not wish to participate, please sign the bottom portion of the form and return it to school.

Thank you for considering this activity! Please return the contract as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
First Grade Teachers

# Take Home Backpacks Contract

I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to have my child participate in the take home backpacks. I agree to work with my child to complete the activities and return the backpack on the next Monday. If any items are lost or damaged I agree to pay a \$15 fee.



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## Take Home Backpacks

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do not wish to participate in the take home backpacks program.