Dear Kindergartener,

How exciting that your kindergarten experience at Bowman is about to begin! You will learn and grow so much this year and I am eager to meet you and your family! I can't wait for an amazing year together!

A little about me: My name is Ms. Housley and I will be your teacher this year! This is my 31st year of teaching and I have spent most of my career teaching kindergarten! I am so excited to meet and to learn all about you! I'm looking forward to a wonderful new year together, one that's filled with learning, friendship, and fun!

Here are some things that you can practice to help you to be ready for school:

- · Pack and unpack a backpack independently
- · Follow one and two step directions
- · Listen to a story
- · Begin to learn letters and letter sounds
- · Take care of one's clothes, self and safety in the restroom
- · Write your first name
- · Say your first and last name clearly
- · Count to 10 and count groups of objects to 10
- · Recognize numbers 1 to 5

Please see the Bowman K-2 Supply List link at the top of the Welcome Letter page on our website for the supply list.

Dear Caring Adult,

In order to make your child's first day of school a smooth and easy day, please help by making sure his/her supplies are ready to use. Take all of the supplies out of the packaging. Sharpen all your child's #2 pencils ahead of time. Place scissors, 1 dry erase marker, 1 box of crayons, 1 highlighter, 1 glue stick, and 3 pencils inside of the pencil box and write your child's name on the box. Then, put all of the extra supplies inside of a large Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name. Take headphones out of the packaging and place in a separate large ziploc bag with their first and last name clearly labeled on the front of the bag. Please bring ALL of the supplies to school with you on your scheduled conference day. Also, you may want to stock up during back to school sales for extra items to replenish in January if needed. With your help, we can start learning and doing great things right away. We are going to have a wonderful year! See you soon!

Sincerely, Ms. Shellie Housley