



**AUGUST 30, 2010
5TH DAY OF SCHOOL**

First Grade News

Good luck, Father Leo
Farewell, Janet Whitaker

It's been a wonderful start to a great school year! Thanks for your patience as we gather supplies, ask for permission, invite parents to drive on field trips, and remind you to check your email often. You'll get more information at Back-to-School Night tomorrow, Tuesday, August 31. Katie will be ready to greet you in the auditorium at 7:00



p.m. Following her "State of the School" address, Mrs. Sandeen and I will be ready to welcome you to our classroom for a short visit. It would be best for first-time First Grade parents to attend the first

session and the returnees to first grade will have a brief review during the second session. But if your schedule doesn't permit, please feel free to attend when more convenient. I appreciate that for some families, only ONE parent will be attending and you may need to check out a different classroom first. See you tomorrow!

Happy Birthday, Julia
now a SIX year old



Field Trip on Thursday, September 2
10 am - 12 noon
Dimond Branch Library on Fruitvale Avenue
(across from Safeway)

Drivers, please meet us in the classroom at 10:00 a.m. Your passengers will have permission slips to give you and they may need your help with car seats.

Students, bring your Oakland Public Library cards to use at the Dimond Branch on Thursday. Librarian Mary is ready to welcome you and to help you check out books. Her staff is eager to issue new/ replacement cards for those who returned applications. Hooray!

Now, Moonbear is not the ONLY one who loves books! There's more waiting for us inside those wonderful books. Reading is fun and we'll have a great time learning how to enjoy books!

For parents: <http://www.trelease-on-reading.com>
Read aloud to your child 20 minutes daily!

Next week: the READING LOG

Minimum Days for First Grade
through Friday, September 3

Remember to send a substantial snack for 10:15 recess. The class will be dismissed at 12:30 each day. See you at the playground!

Minimum Days on Wednesday and Friday for the whole school