Dear Parents,

I am so excited to be your child's first grade teacher! This year will be full of surprises and fun! I look forward to meeting you at our Open House on Tuesday, August 5th from 10:30-II:15. At this time, you will receive the following items: classroom information, forms to fill out, and your child's transportation tag. Please take the time to fill out your child's yellow transportation tag and attach it to your child's backpack. This tag will need to be worn for at least the first two weeks. If your child will be riding the bus and you are not sure what the bus number is or what load your child will ride, you will need to contact the ACBOE transportation office at (334) 361-3897. You can also get this information in the lunchroom on the day of Open House. If your child will be a car rider in the afternoon, you can stop by the lunchroom before or after the classroom Open House time and get your carpool tag. Please have your child's transportation information squared away before the first day of school. Also, there will be various DPES items for sale in the lunchroom.

A supply list is being sent with this letter. I've included a wish list on the back of it. Anything donated is always appreciated! <u>Please label and bring all school supplies with you to Open House.</u> The students will receive a Chromebook to use at school so I would also suggest that you send a set of headphones to stay at school for your child. The "over-the-ear" type work best for first graders!

The first day of school is Thursday, August 7th. I am looking forward to a fantastic school year! If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at <u>ashley.howell@acboe.net</u> or call (334) 361-6400 to leave a message for me. Also, it's a good idea to check the calendar on the school website (<u>www.danielprattelementary.com</u>) every few days. There are already dates marked on the school calendar and you can also visit my page under the "School Staff" section. I would love for your child to see the "Meet Mrs. Howell" video I posted. I will also upload the Open House PowerPoint and packet on my page. Again, welcome to first grade!

