## First Day of School

Dear Kindergarten Teachers,

Please know how important it is to write to all of your new Kindergarten children asking them to bring their mothers to Kindergarten when they come to visit for only 20 minutes on the first day of Kindergarten.

Tell the child: You will be given a map of the room so you can both find everything in the Kindergarten room. I want to know when your birthday is coming. Please find the birthday board and when you find the day when your birthday will be celebrated, please bring it to me so I can write your names so that everyone can see. Choose a plate that has a special number for your own this year. Please bring it to me so I can write your name on the back in case we forget. Then choose a place on the floor where you want the sand man and bring you a treat each day. This is where you will put your blanket each day at rest time. The last thing is to find your cubby where you will put your blanket when you bring it tomorrow. Thank you. I will see you tomorrow in your own room where you know where everything lives.

When the child comes the next day the number plates form a ring on the floor. This is where they will sit each day and also the number they choose will tell the child his place in line when we need to line up.

Do put beautiful golden upper case letters among the stars so that the children learn that every letter starts in the stars and comes down to the earth line. Choose a place where one letter is celebrated each week with the reason that letter was chosen.

I chose "l, L" for learners. The lifeline on the leaf is "l". We make leaves for our bare branch tree that stretches across the back of the room. Please remember the first letter "L" also points the direction where all the other letters will follow. It is our left side where our heart is. When we stand string with our hands at our sides we are the picture of the lower case "l" filled with love.

Blessings, Betty Peck