



# DESERT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

*Empowering the Mind, Engaging the Soul*

Summer 2011

Welcome to 1B!

Well, this summer is moving so quickly and it will be back-to-school before we know it. Of course, our childrens' worlds don't move as quickly so I'm confident they are enjoying the lazy days of summer.

I'm so excited to begin my eighth year as a First Grade Teacher at Desert Christian Academy. It is a privilege to be teaching God's truths to your precious children... and watching them learn and grow throughout the year. My own children, Caroline (20), Austin (17) and Andrew (14) enjoyed their years at Desert Christian Academy. My husband, Kevin, and I are thankful for a Christian education for our children. You have chosen well.

I look forward to meeting you on the first day of school. Please plan to accompany your child to the Gym that morning. We will meet there at 8:10 a.m. and then following a short assembly, we will proceed to our classroom. We will have a 15-20 minute activity in 1B which will include parents. Then you will say "good bye" to your child. I know "good byes" can be difficult so please prepare your children for their first full day of First Grade. First Graders will be dismissed at 2:45 p.m. and may be picked up on Emerald Crest near the first gate or in front of school at the north crosswalk.

I will purchase your child's supplies for First Grade so they only need to bring a backpack and water bottle with them on August 22nd. Of course, please send a snack for Nutrition (9:15-9:33 a.m.) and lunch ...or make plans to purchase these items at the Student Store before school starts that morning.

Also make plans to visit a Public Library in our local area this summer and secure a Library Card for your child. We will have a fall Field Trip to the Library. Your children will also have several Book Reports due throughout the year so they will use their Library Cards frequently. I hope to pass on my love for books to my First Graders!

Each Elementary student has a Summer Reading assignment. Please have your child read *The Night Before First Grade* by Natasha Wing. It can be purchased at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) for \$3.99. We will be using this book during our second week of school so have your child bring it to school during the first week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me at [SleepK@aol.com](mailto:SleepK@aol.com) or [ksleeper@desertchristianacademy.org](mailto:ksleeper@desertchristianacademy.org). I'm excited about our year together!

Blessings,

Mrs. Karen Sleeper