Dear Students and Parents,
Welcome to Math 1!

As the new school year at SchoolNova is about to start, I am excited to welcome you to the Math 1 class! My name is Tatiana Alfenito (you can address me as Tanya) and I will help students on their journey to further explore mathematics.

We will be meeting weekly on Sundays 10:10 to 10:55 AM in SBS_N107 on the first floor of the Social and Behavioral Sciences building in the North wing.

Over the course of the year, we will focus on counting and solving math and logic problems. Students will get their first introduction to measurements such as length, weight, capacity, and time. We will also introduce equations and Roman numerals along with working with 3D shapes. By the end of the year, students will be able to add and subtract double-digit numbers and will be introduced to the multiplication table. Throughout the class, we'll work on problem-solving skills along with logical and critical thinking.

Please read the information below to make the start of classes smooth and easy for all of us. Feel free to contact me at alfenito@schoolnova.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Arrival/Dismissal:

- Please plan to arrive at the classroom about 5 minutes before the start of class since students need some time to "tune in" and settle. If possible, please try to avoid being late as that distracts the students.
- Please pick up your child from the classroom. Students will not be let go without a guardian.

Classroom Policies:

- Students are welcome to bring water bottles to class but please refrain from snacks and toys.
- Please make sure to use the bathroom before the start of class.
- If your child is unable to attend class, try to let me know in advance.
- Once the class workbooks are distributed, the students must bring them to class each week. No other classroom supplies are necessary.
- If your child is not coming to class, or needs to attend it due to personal circumstances at a different time than usual (once or twice throughout the year), please let me know in advance by email.

Homework:

- Homework is assigned at the end of each class and due the next class. Please attempt to do it.

- Starting from around the end of September, students will have two homework books. They will exchange the book with the latest completed homework for the book with the next homework assignment every week (so you should always have one and I will have the other).
- It's best to start homeworks earlier in the week while the material is still fresh in the student's head and there is no pressure of a deadline. Therefore, please encourage your child to do a few problems a day instead of doing it all at once last minute.
- While parents' help is often necessary, please let your child do as much of the homework independently as they can first. Only after they have tried by themselves help them with leading questions. Homeworks are a teacher's tool to gauge the students' understanding, so if you notice that your child is struggling with a problem, please leave a note so that I know to spend more time on it in class.
- Homeworks can seem long and while discipline is important, don't worry if your child didn't finish it. The most important thing is to keep the learning process fun and enjoyable.

Thank you and see you Sunday!

SIncerely,
Tanya