

# WELCOME TO first grade!



Dear First Grader,

Hi there! My name is Mrs. Ventresca and I will be your teacher this upcoming school year. I am writing to you to let you know that I am so excited that you are going to be in my class! I hope you've had a great summer filled with lots of fun with friends and family.

A little bit about me: I have a husband, Phil, and two daughters, Melissa and Rachel. We have a six-year-old dog named Teddy who loves treats and following me around everywhere! When I'm not teaching, I like to read, go for walks, try new recipes, and spend time with my family.

This is going to be an exciting year filled with learning new things, meeting new friends, and discovering all sorts of exciting possibilities. The first few weeks of school will be focused on getting to know each other and building a strong classroom community together. We'll then work on strengthening our reading and writing skills to become creative storytellers. In math, you will learn how to work with numbers and shapes as we add, subtract, graph, sort, create patterns, measure, tell time, and count money. We'll have a lot of tools to help us develop fact fluency with addition and subtraction. In social studies, we will learn about important people, places, and life long ago. Lastly, in science, we'll study living things like animals and plants and learn about the weather.

Most importantly, we will be working on being kind and caring. By showing support for and communicating with one another, we will learn how to express our thoughts and feelings while becoming the best students and friends we can be!

I can't wait to meet you! Our first day of class is on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. This is going to be a fun and exciting school year. Enjoy the rest of summer break!

Warmly,  
Mrs. Ventresca



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