

# WELCOME TO first grade!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to First Grade! My name is Mrs. Cindy Ventresca, and I will be your child's teacher this year. First grade is truly a special grade where kids learn and grow so much from September until June. I can't wait to guide your child through this process!

Here's a little bit about me: This is my 35th year of teaching. I received my undergraduate degree from Drexel University and my Masters in Education from Arcadia University. I am also a Certified Reading Specialist. I began my career in the Central Bucks School District here at Gayman Elementary, a place that has continued to hold a special place in my heart. I've also worked with several of our district's elementary schools, volunteering to open Cold Spring Elementary, where I taught for the six years, and also Mill Creek Elementary School, where I taught first grade for 12 years. For the past nine years, I have taught second grade at Gayman, but I am so excited to be teaching first grade again this year!

I am married to my husband, Phil, and we have two daughters. Melissa, our eldest, is 28, and Rachel is 24. In my free time, I enjoy reading, walking around my neighborhood, trying new recipes, and spending time with my family.

### ***Some important information:***

**Name Tag** (I will mail this to you closer to the beginning of school.) Please write your child's dismissal information (including bus # if applicable) on the back of his/her nametag with a permanent marker. This serves to help all the adults your child meets on their way to the classroom and in the hallways. **Your child should wear their nametag each day during the first week of school.** This helps all of us in making sure your child gets to where they need to go.

**Dismissal Change:** Any changes in dismissal would need to be communicated to me each day via email. Please send the email early in the day or the night before.

**Lunch & Snack** -In addition to your child's lunch, please send in a snack and water bottle everyday (ESPECIALLY on the days that your child is buying... it's easy to forget!) We do not have a water fountain in our room. We also do not have air conditioning so keeping hydrated is very important. Please write your child's name on their water bottle. Also, please keep in mind, that some students tend to have a hard time discriminating between what is their "lunch" and their "snack" ... it may be a good idea to pack these separately (ex. lunch box/brown bag) and point this difference out to your child.

**NOTE:** The first day of school is Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Back to School Night**

1st grade Back to School Night is Tuesday, August 31st from 5:45 PM-6:30 PM.

**Important Parent Survey:** Please complete the parent survey so I can learn a little more about your child

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Or scan QR Code to fill out parent survey



I am looking forward to a successful, fun, and memorable year with your child and our partnership. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free email me at [cventresca@cbsd.org](mailto:cventresca@cbsd.org).

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,  
Cindy Ventresca