Dear Future 3rd Grade Families,

Welcome to 3rd Grade at Bridge Valley Elementary! My name is Mr. VanZant, and I will be your 3rd grade teacher. I have taught in the Central Bucks School District for more than twenty-five years. I have taught at five different schools and have taught 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades, as well as PEN. This year will be my fourteenth year as a teacher at Bridge Valley, and I am SO HAPPY to be here! I am looking forward to a fun-filled year of learning and growing together.

We will be exploring many exciting realms this year. We will be exploring our solar system, life cycles, motion, geography, economics, mathematics, as well as engage in a variety of reading and writing activities. Not only that, but I love games and puzzles that teach and strengthen problem-solving skills. I will be sharing many of them with you. I am looking forward to a year filled with joy and learning!

Some items of note:

- Please pack a small, healthy **snack** (ex: fruit, crackers, granola bar, etc.) and water or juice, every day for snack. For the first week, please plan to make it a "peanut free" snack. Depending on food allergies, the "peanut free" snack policy, may need to remain in effect all year. I will let parents know, on or before Back to School Night.
- Our Open House is on Thursday, August 31st, from 2:30 pm-3:30 pm.
- The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 5th.
- Back to School Night is on Monday, September 11th, at 6:45 pm.

Know that I am looking forward to working with you and hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer. ©

Sincerely, Mr. VanZant