

August 2017

Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome to First Grade! My name is Alexis Stapp and I will be your child's teacher this year. This is my third-year teaching First Grade at Bridge Valley and my sixth year working in Central Bucks. I look forward to seeing many familiar, smiling faces!

I hope you had a wonderful summer vacation and made lots of special memories with your families. I cannot wait to hear about all of the fun things you did over the last 2 months! I had a busy summer. I travelled to Iceland in July. I can't wait to show you a few pictures! I also enjoyed a week in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. We saw so many cool animals, did a lot of hiking and exploring, and enjoyed the amazing views of the mountains.

I have listed the supplies your child will need below (NOTE: italicized items are not part of the STAPLES schoolchild order). Please remember to label all of your child's school supplies so that they may be returned to him/her if misplaced throughout the year.

- A box of crayons (24 count or larger)
- 12 Sharpened #2 pencils
- 4 large glue sticks
- A pair of scissors
- A box of colored pencils
- A supply box/pencil case (big enough to store scissors, crayons, glue and pencils)
- 1 package of thick, low odor EXPO2 markers (thick ones tend to last longer)
- *Headphones (sent in a plastic bag labeled with your child's name; to be used in computer lab and with iPads)*
- *1 dry erase eraser or 1 clean sock*
- *100 pennies, 10 dimes, 15 nickels, and 4 quarters (will be used as your child's "piggy bank" for math class)*
- *1 re-sealable container, such as Tupperware or a recycled margarine container, big enough (yet compact) to hold coins for your child's piggy bank (plastic baggies are NOT strong enough)*

** If you are willing, the following would be greatly appreciated as donations for classroom use:

- Clorox/Lysol anti-bacterial wipes (to sanitize desktops and common work areas)
- A box of gallon size ZIPLOC baggies (freezer work best!)
- A box of sandwich size ZIPLOC baggies
- A box of tissues



A few other important notes...

Name Tag- There is an orange rabbit-shaped nametag in your envelope for your child to wear on the first day. Please print (in permanent marker) your child's name on the front and how they will be going home on the first day of school on the back. Please have your child wear it to school each day during the first week of school! If their dismissal procedures change day to day, please put that information on the green piece of paper.

Dismissal Information- Also enclosed, you will find a green piece of paper. Please fill out your child's weekly dismissal information and send it with them the first day of school. This will tell me how your child should be dismissed each day. (i.e. bus rider, car rider, walker, or after school program). Please be sure to list their bus number on this sheet!

Snack

First grade has a late lunch; therefore, we will be having a mid-morning snack. Please send in one healthy snack and drink each day. Some first graders have a hard time discriminating between their "lunch" and their "snack." It may be a good idea to pack these separately (i.e. lunch box/brown bag) and point this difference out to your child.

Open House on Thursday, August 31st

Bridge Valley will be having an Open House from 2:30-4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 30th. This would be a great time to let your child see their new classroom! You are welcome to bring any supplies with you to help your child lighten their load on Wednesday! I look forward to meeting you there.

Back to School Night – Save the date!

Back to School Night is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 11th at 5:45 p.m. We will be reviewing the First Grade Curriculum, expectations for the year, and answering questions. I hope to see you there!

If you haven't already, please send me an email with your child's name in the subject line. I will add this to my class group for all future contact and updates throughout the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at astapp@cbsd.org. I'm looking forward to working with you and your child this year. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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