

August 2022

Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome to First Grade! My name is Mrs. Stapp, and I will be your teacher this year. I am so excited to meet you and to begin our fun-filled year of learning together. This is my eighth-year teaching first grade at Bridge Valley and my eleventh-year working in Central Bucks.

I can't believe that a new school year is just around the corner! I hope you had a wonderful summer and made lots of special memories with your families. I can't wait to hear about the fun things you did these last few weeks.

I have two little boys, Jackson (3 years) and Henry (3 months). My summer was full of baby snuggles and swimming in our pool. We are getting ready for a big trip to Grand Teton National Park and Yellowstone soon. I can't wait to tell you about the animals we see!

As Mr. Cochran shared with you earlier this month, I will be on maternity leave for the first few weeks of school. Ms. Eva Klukiewicz (klu-KEV-itch or Ms. K for short) will be our substitute until I return. We have been working together to plan and get ready for the first day. We will continue to do everything we can to ensure a smooth transition when the time comes. If all goes according to plan, I will be back at Bridge Valley before the end of October.

It is going to be an awesome year! First Grade is the best because we will quickly become amazing readers. I am really excited to share all of my favorite books with you. We will write in our journals and share them with our families. We will also explore numbers and become experts at adding and subtracting. You will have so much fun in Library, Music, Gym, Art, and Quest, too! It is going to be so great!

I would love to learn a little bit about you before the first day of school. Please ask a grown-up to complete this quick survey. This information will be very helpful for me as we get ready for our first week together.



\*Just open the camera app on your phone and follow the link!\*



## Just a few more notes...

- Before the first day of school, I invite you to come to our **Open House on August 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3:30pm**. This is a perfect time for you to say hello, see your new classroom, and drop off any supplies. **If you cannot attend, please let me know so I can leave your first day name tag (with transportation information) in the office for you to pick up.**
- Please pack a healthy snack and drink **every day**. Some first graders have a hard time discriminating between their “lunch” and their “snack.” It may be a good idea to point this difference out to your kiddo.
- To help ensure a smooth transition in October, please include both Ms. K and myself on any emails with questions or concerns. You can email us at [astapp@cbsd.org](mailto:astapp@cbsd.org) and [eklukiewicz@cbsd.org](mailto:eklukiewicz@cbsd.org)
- Don't forget to mark your calendars for these important dates:
  - August 29<sup>th</sup>- First Day of School 😊
  - September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm-First Grade Back to School Night

I am looking forward to meeting you soon. Enjoy the rest of your summer and get ready for a wonderful year in First Grade!

Sincerely,

*Alexs Stapp*

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# SUPPLY LIST

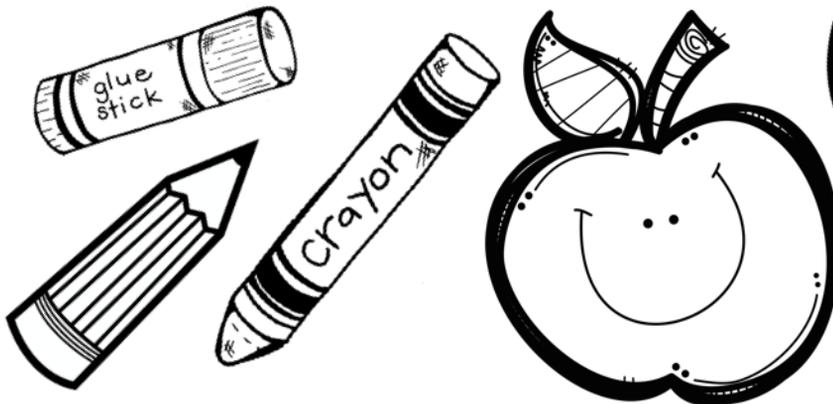
Feel free to bring these supplies with you to the Open House so your backpack is a little bit lighter on the First Day of School!

- 1 package of dry erase EXPO markers (thick ones tend to last longer!)
- 1 pair of scissors
- A pencil case/ supply box
- 1 clean adult sock (or eraser for dry erase board)
- Headphones for iPad (please label these and put them in a Ziploc bag)
- Stylus for iPad (no battery-operated or rechargeable ones please!)

Note: Pencils, crayons, glue sticks, folders, etc. will be provided!

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

- Clorox/Lysol anti-bacterial wipes
- A box of **gallon** size ZIPLOC baggies (freezer work best!)
- A box of **sandwich** size ZIPLOC baggies
- A box of tissues



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!