

Meet the TEACHER

Mrs. O'Connell's Classroom

Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome to first grade! My name is Mrs. O'Connell, and I am so excited to work with both you and your child this year! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. I cannot wait to hear about all the exciting things you did. I spent my summer swimming with my puppy, Cooper, and visiting the Finger Lakes with my family. This year you will learn so much and I am very excited for this year to begin!



ABOUT ME

I graduated from Elizabethtown College in 2017 with my bachelor's degree in early childhood education, and I am currently pursuing my Master's degree at West Chester University for special education. This will be my 5th year teaching and my first year teaching 1st grade. For the past three years, I have taught 2nd grade at Buckingham Elementary! I got married last September during COVID, and am having our entire wedding this September! I am currently Miss Brunell but will be officially turning to Mrs. O'Connell in September. I LOVE the beach, playing sports, going to Philadelphia sporting events, and having fun! I cannot wait to have so much fun and learn this year!

MY FAVORITES

FOOD: Pasta

BOOK: The Day the Crayons Quit

HOBBY: Crafting

SUBJECT: Math

CANDY: Sour Patch Kids

DESSERT: Cheesecake

COLOR: Blue

ANIMAL: Giraffe

IMPORTANT DATES

Bridge Valley Open House – August 26th from 2:00-3:00

Come see your new classroom and meet me! Feel free to bring your supplies ☺

First Day of 1st Grade – August 30th

Bring a smile and be ready to have an AMAZING first day!

First Grade Back to School Night –

August 31st at 5:45

Learn about the curriculum and expectations for your first grader!



FIRST GRADE

Supply List (Required)

- ❖ A pair of scissors
- ❖ A supply/pencil box (big enough to store pencils, scissors, glue, and crayons)
 - ❖ 1 package of thick, low odor EXPO markers
 - ❖ A whiteboard eraser (adult socks work great)
 - ❖ Headphones

Supply List (Donations)

- ❖ Lysol/Clorox anti-bacterial wipes
 - ❖ A box of gallon-sized ZIPLOC baggies
 - ❖ A box of sandwich-sized ZIPLOC baggies
 - ❖ A box of tissues
- Please label all of your child's supplies with their first and last name. All traditional supplies will be provided for your child (pencils, crayons, glue).
 - 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 child.
 - Please fill out the attached survey to help me learn a little bit more about your child. Please scan this code for the Back to School Parent Survey.



Please feel free to email me at ebrunell@cbsd.org if you have any questions. I cannot wait to work with both you and your child this year. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,
Emily O'Connell