



WELCOME

Dear 1st Grade Friends and Families,

Welcome to 1st Grade at Linden Elementary! I am incredibly excited to be your teacher this year. This will be an exciting year filled with lots of adventures and I cannot wait to get to know you, but first let me give you the opportunity to learn more about me! My name is Tori Millman, and I am from Bucks County, Pennsylvania. I am a graduate from Penn State (WE ARE!) where I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. I am working towards my Master's Degree as a Reading Specialist & Instructional Coach. This will be my fourth-year teaching in the Central Bucks School District and my second year at Linden. Previously, I taught Kindergarten and first grade at Mill Creek and first grade at Jamison. When I am not teaching, I love to spend my time outdoors, working out, dancing or enjoying a new book.

I'm looking forward to meeting each of you soon. I wanted to give you some important information that will make the transition to first grade a little easier. This letter will provide you with some important information for the first few weeks of first grade.

Please make sure you consult the first-grade supply list.

Lunch and Snack

A convenient option is to set up a lunch account through the CB website. The link can be found here [ONLINE ACCOUNT SETUP](#). This way your child won't need to carry any money, and it helps the lunch line move more quickly allowing the children more time to eat. I highly recommend this option! If you don't want to use the website, you may send in a check or cash to be placed into your child's lunch account at Linden. **Please send any lunch money in a sealed, labeled envelope or change purse so it will not be lost.**

A snack break has been planned each day to help your child give his/her best performance throughout the morning. We ask that you pack a **healthy** snack and a drink for your child each day. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND PEANUT BUTTER/NUT SNACKS DUE TO POSSIBLE ALLERGIES.** (These products are fine to eat for lunch in the cafeteria.) We may eat as late as 1:30, so please take that into consideration when you plan for the size/content of your child's lunch and snack.



Dismissal

On the first day of school, please be sure your child is wearing a nametag. On the nametag, please write your child's name and the way he/she will be going home during the school year (IE: bus #2, walker, car rider, etc...). **If there is ever a change to your child's dismissal (including the first day of school), please write a note/e-mail of explanation.** It is important to know that we may NOT send a child home a different way based only on a verbal report from a child. Also, district policy prevents children from riding a school bus other than their own.

Toys/Electronics

As you may guess, toys and electronics become a distraction, and they can be easily broken or misplaced. **Children should bring toys, electronics, stuffed animals, or trading cards to school.** Your child will have the chance to share some of his/her treasures when it is his/her turn to be "Star of the Week." **Birthdays**

Birthdays are an exciting event in first grade. Please be aware that due to the district's commitment to focusing on healthy eating and wellness, as well as our commitment to being mindful of food allergies, Linden will not be allowing any food treats for birthdays. Students may bring in pencils, stickers, bookmarks, or make a book donation to the library, etc. if they wish to share a treat with the class. Also, we ask that party invitations are not handed out at school unless your child is inviting the entire class.

Attendance

If your child is absent, please remember to send a note/e-mail to school explaining the reason for the absence. E-mails should be sent to the office, as well as your child's teacher.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer vacation, and I can't wait to hear all about it! I look forward to being your teacher and spending the year together. Parents/guardians, please do not hesitate to reach out to me ahead of time with any questions that pop up between now and the first day of school. You can reach me at tmillman@cbsd.org. I look forward to connecting with you.

Sincerely,

Miss Tori Millman