



Dear Parents and Future Fifth Grader,



Welcome to Fifth Grade and to another exciting year at Bridge Valley Elementary!
My name is Mr. Goodyear and I couldn't be happier to be your teacher this school year.

I would like to take an opportunity to introduce myself to you. I graduated from Cairn University receiving a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a master's degree in Education. I had the opportunity to student teach at Bridge Valley this last school year. In addition, I became the Bridge Valley Building Substitute where I was able to get a variety of experience in each grade, mainly 4th and 5th. I have taught each student in our current class at some point last year, and I couldn't be more excited to get the opportunity to be with them again!

I'm hoping everyone had a fun and relaxing summer! This summer I was able to get married to my beautiful wife Lauren and travel. I enjoy spending time with family in Ocean City, NJ and love surfing, golfing, reading, drawing, and spending time outside. I love to play sports and had the opportunity to captain my soccer team during my college career.

My grade partners and I will be working closely to ensure a smooth school year. The first few weeks of school will be spent building our classroom community and establishing a culture of respect, responsibility, collaboration, and citizenship. My goal is to have a fun school year, but also one that emphasizes respect and hard work. As a fifth grader, you will learn a lot of important reading strategies, and you will also have opportunities to participate in various reading activities, such as book clubs, to help you comprehend the texts you read. We will use the My View reading program, nonfiction texts, and shared novels throughout the school year. In Math in Focus, we will explore fractions, decimals, probability, geometry, operations, problem solving, and much more. You will spend a lot of time this year learning about writing and researching. You will complete paragraph and essay organizers and create various projects throughout the school year. Social studies and science will consist of hands on and integrated activities that will be engaging and thought-provoking. You will also learn vital organizational and test preparation skills, as well as technology tools and resources, this school year.

Our goal in fifth grade is continuing to equip students with the right strategies for practical future use in school as well as society. I am firm believer in practical application of material and content within school and will do my best to ensure students are applying what they learn. We are a classroom community that will learn respect for others in our school and respect for each other as citizens with one goal in mind, which is growth and application.

In fifth grade, we work hard to find a system of organization that works for us. A great deal of time is spent learning important study skills, time management, etc. Central Bucks provides the supplies essential for learning; however, some students like to bring their own supplies to school. Suggested grade level supply lists are on the Bridge Valley website. Below, you will find the same list of supplies. These supplies will help you find success in staying organized and being prepared throughout the year. Please be advised that this is a suggested list; however, students who have used items from this list have been very successful in the past.

(These supplies are also attached to the other document in this email)

- 5 plastic folders (blue, green, red, yellow, and an alternate color of your choice)
- 4 one subject spiral notebooks (1 blue, 1 green, 1 red, and 1 yellow)
- 1-Four pack of low odor Expo markers
- 1 pair of headphones
- Durable Pencil Case or Supply Box

Thank you for taking the time to gather these supplies. Parent support with organization will help the first few weeks run smoothly for your child. If you have any questions about the supplies, feel free to contact me.

Our classroom could also use a few items to help us promote healthy hygiene and a sanitary environment. If you are willing to donate any of the following items to our classroom, it would be greatly appreciated. You can bring them with you to the Open House, first day of school, or any other convenient time.

- A container (or 2) of sanitizing wipes, such as Lysol antibacterial
- A pump bottle of hand sanitizer (not individual sizes)
- 3 large boxes of tissues

Snack

Please pack a healthy snack (ex: a piece of fruit, crackers, cereal bar, etc.) and water or juice every day (including the first day of school) for a snack. Please be advised that our classroom has been designated “Peanut/Tree Nut Safe.” Therefore, please refrain from sending snacks that contain peanut/tree nut products, as well as sesame seeds.



Student Information Letter

I would love to know more about your child or any information that is important for me to know as their teacher. Any information you can share with me about your child will help me better meet the needs of them. Please take some time to write me a letter about them and send it in with him or her on the first day of school. This can simply be a list of their favorite things, what you believe encourages them, or something important pertaining to their learning that you have observed at home. My goal as their teacher is to lead and inspire them and getting to know them to the best of my ability can help the learning process during this school year!

Below are important dates to mark in your calendar moving forward.

Open House is **Thursday, August 31st from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM**

First Day of School for Students is **Tuesday, September 5th**

Back-to-School Night is **Monday, September 11th at 7:30 PM**



I can't wait to see what this year has in store for our class. Have a great rest of the summer and I am looking forward to meeting everyone! Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Your teacher,

Mr. Goodyear, M.Ed. (jgoodyear@cbsd.org)