

Dear Parents, Students, Family Members, and Guardians,

I am pleased to welcome you to the 2023 - 2024 school year! I am looking forward to having your child as a student! Parents, family members, and guardians are the driving force in their student's life. Please refer to our Kindergarten weekly SWAYS and Bridge Valley monthly newsletters for information about your child's education. I will create a group email list.

As a new school year approaches, I would like to share some helpful hints that I think will make the start of the school year go smoothly.

- Please make sure your child comes to school prepared to learn. This means that they
  have received a good nights rest and have eaten a healthy breakfast (or will eat at
  school. I recommend getting your student into the habit of setting out their
  belongings the evening before school. By starting off the year doing this, you can build
  a habit of it at home. Your morning will be calm and organized, and your student will
  be ready to learn!
- Send your child to school with a water bottle and healthy snack. Please send a water bottle that your child can keep at his or her desk for drinks. When the air-conditioner is on the room may get a bit chilly so please feel free to send in a sweater/sweatshirt for your child.
- Please fill out and return the Transportation Form and Parent Questionnaire. These forms are very important and will allow me to know some specifics about your child, such as how they are being transported home each day.

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In Kindergarten this year, we will learn to identify letters and their corresponding sounds, apply decoding skills, and develop emergent reading and comprehension skills. We will explore patterns, shapes, and numbers as we problem solve in math. Learners will write letters, words, and sentences and discover their potential to create and illustrate stories. We will also learn about science as we observe nature and learn about the human body. In social studies, we will learn about ourselves, where we live, caring for our environment, famous Americans, and patriotic symbols. Social and emotional learning will foster listening skills, identifying feelings, managing emotions, solving problems, and getting along with others. Most importantly, we will build a strong classroom community and learn life-long skills such as respecting others, showing kindness, and being positive leaders.

Please have your child wear this nametag (in welcome envelope) to school each day during the first week.

The following <u>school supplies may be brought to the BV Back to School Welcome</u> or sent during the first week of school:

- Four 24-pack of crayons (Note Crayons do not need to be labeled with your child's name as they will be placed in a "community basket" on your child's table.)
- 4 Jumbo Elmers Glue sticks

Important Date: Kindergarten Back to School Welcome – Thursday, August 31, 2023 – 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

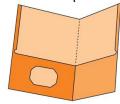
• Clorox wipes

If you prefer that your child, use a <u>nickname</u>, please let me know 3

I hope this information will help you and your child get ready for a new and very exciting school year! Please remember that there is more information on how our classroom runs that you will receive at the beginning of the school year!



I am looking forward to an awesome year!



Mrs. Amanda Lovell