

# Welcome to First Grade

Dear Parents,

Welcome to First Grade! My name is Mrs. Kate Tate and I will be your child's teacher this year. I am a graduate of Niagara University in Lewiston, New York. I received my Master's in Education and my Reading Specialist Certification from Rosemont College. I have a 13-year-old son, and an 11-year-old daughter. This will be my 17<sup>th</sup> year at Bridge Valley! I am excited to be part of your child's first grade experience.

I hope you had a fun and relaxing summer. After spending much of the summer at my family's home on Lake Ontario, we have just returned from Martha's Vineyard and are eager to begin a new school year. I hope you are excited too!

## School Supplies

Below is a list of school supplies your child will need. Please remember to label all of your child's supplies so that they may be returned to him/her if misplaced throughout the year.

- ✓ 1 package of low odor dry erase EXPO markers (thick ones tend to last longer)
- ✓ 1 pair of scissors
- ✓ 1 pencil case/supply box
- ✓ 1 clean adult sock (to be used for a dry erase board)
- ✓ 1 small pencil sharpener (with a lid to collect the shavings!)
- ✓ Headphones for iPads (sent in a Ziploc bag, labeled with your child's name)

If you are willing, the following donations would be greatly appreciated:

- ✓ Tissues
- ✓ Disinfecting wipes for work areas
  - ✓ Gallon size Ziploc bags
  - ✓ Sandwich size Ziploc bags
  - ✓ Pump hand soap

## Snack

First grade will be having a snack each day. Please send in a snack and drink **each day**. Some first graders have a hard time discriminating between their “lunch” and their “snack.” It may be a good idea to pack these separately (i.e. lunch box/brown bag) and point this difference out to your child. Please note: **WE ARE A PEANUT FREE CLASSROOM**. Please make sure all snacks are peanut free and safe for our classroom. Your child is welcome to bring peanut-based food items for their lunch.

## Parent Survey

Please fill out the attached survey to help me get started on some housekeeping items, and to learn a little bit more about your child. Please scan this code for the Back to School Parent Survey:



## Bridge Valley Open House~ Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Come see Bridge Valley, your child's classroom, and meet me! You can also feel free to drop off any supplies to lighten your child's load on their first day of school!

## Back to School Night – Save the date!

Back to School Night is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:45 p.m. We will be reviewing the First Grade Curriculum, expectations for the year, and answering questions. Stay tuned for more information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email at [mtate@cbsd.org](mailto:mtate@cbsd.org). I'm looking forward to working with you and your child this year.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Kate Tate* ©