



September 4, 2020

Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! I am so excited to have your child in my class! While this school year will be a year unlike any other, please remember that we are all in this together. I am here to support both you and your child on this journey. Despite the fact that we are learning virtually, building a classroom community as well as strong relationships is a top priority, along with preserving your child's social and emotional health. While I wish I could greet your child in person on Tuesday, I look forward to meeting them virtually as we embark on a journey of learning and discovery in first grade.

I'd like to start off by telling you a little bit about myself. First off, I am a Central Bucks graduate, go Patriots! I then graduated from Bloomsburg University in 2018 with a dual degree in Early Childhood and Special Education. I grew up playing soccer, playing the viola, and performing ballet as well as tap for many years. I was heavily involved in creating the costumes for our high school plays during all three of my years at CB East and have continued my love of the theater from the audience since then. I have been enjoying my summer spending time with my family and taking care of my two guinea pigs.

To help make the transition to a virtual learning environment easier, there are a few things you must do prior to the start of school on Tuesday, September 8th, along with some suggestions.

Prior to Tuesday, September 8th, please:

- Visit this [link](#) to learn how to set up your child's iPad

- Log in to your child's iPad. For more information regarding your child's username and password, click [here](#).

- To use your username which is *(lastname.first initial & the last 3 numbers of your student id)*@student.cbsd.org. Example: *smith.p876*@student.cbsd.org
- The student id number can be found on [parent portal](#)
- Your password is the same one you used to log into any computer.
- Remember to use an upper case letter in the beginning of your password.

If you do not remember your password please visit our [Password Guide](#).

If you are new to the district your password will be: student's first initial (capitalized); followed by their second initial, followed by their six-digit birthday (month-day-year)

- Sign your child into [Canvas](#)



- Sign your child into [Teams](#)



- Sign your child into [Classlink](#)



1. Open the Canvas App from the "Tray" of your iPad.
2. Hit the blue Log In button.
3. Sign-in using your full username and password.
4. This will bring you to the student dashboard. Courses will not appear until rosters on completed.

- Click on the Teams App in the iPad "Tray" at the bottom of the screen.
- Sign in with your full username and password.

- Click on the Classlink app.
- Click sign-in with ADFS. (Do NOT use the Microsoft icon).
- Type in your [username@student.cbsd.org](#) and password. (Example Red333)

- **Make sure your child's device is fully charged**
- **Prepare your child's Virtual Learning environment**

- **Materials needed for the first day of school:**
 - Headphones
 - Whiteboard/Dry erase board OR paper
 - Expo marker OR pencil
 - Eraser
 - A smile! 😊
- **Set up a learning environment:** Find a calming space where your child can work uninterrupted. Limit distractions and background noise. Consider how your child can prop up the iPad when viewing the screen. Provide your child a water bottle.
- **Expectations for Virtual Learning:** Your child should be on time and dressed for the day. Our day will include both synchronous and asynchronous learning. We will use Microsoft Teams for synchronous learning and Seesaw for asynchronous learning.
- **Suggestions:** Consider packing your child a snack and lunch, discussing ideas/activities for breaks and recess, and logging on five minutes early each day to ensure all tech tools are working properly.

On the First Day of First Grade – Tuesday, September 8th @ 9 AM:

1.



Open the Canvas app

2.



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Click on the Homeroom icon

3.



Click on Homeroom again

Tentative Schedule:

9:00 AM	Good morning! Welcome to virtual learning! Please log onto your device.
9:00 – 11:30	Synchronous Learning (breaks will be included)
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch & Recess
12:30 – 2:30	Synchronous & Asynchronous Learning (breaks will be included)
2:30 PM	Dismissal

This sample schedule may change and is only applicable to the first two weeks of school.

Suggested activities to complete:

Please note, if you do not complete these activities prior to September 8th, there will be time allotted on the first day of school to help your child complete these activities.

- Watch this [video](#) to learn how to move the suggested apps to your child's toolbar
 - Apps to include on toolbar: Seesaw, Canvas, clock/timer, Teams, Safari



To conclude, I just want to say thank you. I understand navigating this unknown territory is not easy, especially for our first graders. Words cannot express how appreciative I am of your help and support. I cannot wait to see your child's smiling face on Tuesday! I look forward to a year of learning and new adventures!

Sincerely,

Lalena Guld
and the First Grade Team

