

FIRST GRADE

Dear First Grade Families,

Hello and welcome to first grade! I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kelly Fernandez, and I will be your child's first grade teacher! I earned my bachelor's degree in elementary education from Penn State University. I completed my master's degree program at Cabrini University with a specialization in reading. This is my twelfth year teaching at Butler. When I am not teaching, I am a mommy to my two children, John and Maddie. Teaching is one of my many passions in life, and I am excited to share this passion with all of you!

First grade is an exciting year for your child to learn and grow socially, emotionally, and academically. Your child will be learning about our community, plants, animals, and weather. We will be reading many wonderful stories. We will also write stories, poems, and reports on things we learn. In math, we will investigate numbers, place value, addition, and subtraction. I will work closely with you and your child in order to plan and execute developmentally appropriate instruction in order to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of your child. I am committed to making our classroom a safe, supportive, and enjoyable environment for your child to grow and learn.

As your child's role model and life-long teacher, you are a key factor in your child's education. I believe it is essential that we work together as a team. Your love, support, and encouragement are key to your child's academic, social growth, and success. Throughout this year, you will receive several newsletters from me updating you on the events in our classroom. This year will be full of excitement and emotions. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns in order to make the transition to first grade as smooth as possible for your child.

I hope this letter provided you with more information about the upcoming school year! Please feel free to email me at kfernandez@cbsd.org with any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting you at Back-to-School-Night in September! It is going to be an informative evening I know you won't want to miss! Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Kelly Fernandez

