



Bridge Valley Elementary School
2280 Sugar Bottom Road
Furlong, PA 18925
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Dear Fifth Grade Trailblazers and Parents,

Welcome back to Bridge Valley Elementary for another incredible and unique school year. My name is Mrs. Ziska and I am so excited to be your teacher this year. Even though we will not meet in person on September 8th, I am excited to meet and connect with you through our TEAMS call on the first day of school.

I hope everyone had a relaxing summer. I enjoyed spending time with my family. We spent time in Myrtle Beach where every possible moment was spent in the sand and water. We traveled to Pittsburgh to visit family and spent lots of time outside playing in our back yard and swimming at our club pool. I look forward to hearing about your summer adventures.

The first week of school will be spent building our classroom community and establishing a culture of respect, responsibility, collaboration, and citizenship. We have a lot of fun in fifth grade, but we also work **very hard**. 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. We will use the Lead 21 program, nonfiction texts, and shared reads throughout the school year! We will dive into our 2nd year of our math program together, Math in Focus. We will explore fractions, decimals, probability, geometry, operations, problem solving, and so much more! You will spend a lot of time this year learning about writing and researching. You will complete paragraphs and essay as well as a variety of writing projects throughout the school year. Social studies and science lend themselves to projects and activities throughout the year. We will also learn how to take notes to help you study. You will also learn vital organizational and test preparation skills, as well as technology tools and resources, this school year.

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. Below, you will find a list of supplies that will help you be successful during our 5th grade year. These supplies will help you find success in staying organized and being prepared throughout the year. We will use these supplies as you are learning from your home and when we return to room 215 at Bridge Valley.

If you would have these supplies ready for September 8th, that would be great!

Multiple Independent reading books

2 Pocket Plastic Folders in the following colors:

- Blue
- Red
- Yellow
- Green
- Your choice

1- Subject Spiral Notebooks in the following colors:

- Blue – 2 please
- Red
- Green
- Yellow

1 pack fine tip markers (like Crayola 8 or 12 count markers)- no sharpies

Colored pencils- sharpened

Crayons (12 or 24 pack)

4 blue and 4 red pens

2 dozen #2 pencils or Mechanical pencils

Hand-held pencil sharpener

Small Eraser

1 pack of assorted highlighter (2 or more colors would be great)

6 Glue sticks

Kid Scissors

Headphones

Hand sanitizer

Face Mask

Refillable Water Bottle

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 at home as well as when we return to Bridge Valley. 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 the following items to our classroom, it would be greatly appreciated when we return to Bridge Valley.

A container of sanitizing wipes, such as Lysol antibacterial (not baby wipes)

A box of tissues



Student Information

Parents, I am eager to know all about your child. I will be sending an emailing to the email addresses you provided to the district. I only need one form to be filled out per student. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with me.

Important Dates to Remember

Our Virtual Back to School Night will be on **Monday, September 14th at 7:30pm**. At that time, I will be reviewing my expectations for the year and answering any questions you may have to the best of my ability. I hope you can attend. I look forward to seeing you all.

I can't wait to see all my new fifth graders!!! Enjoy the last couple days of "summer" and welcome to the 2020-2021 school year.



Sincerely,

Mrs. Stacy Ziska

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