



Bridge Valley Elementary School
2280 Sugar Bottom Road
Furlong, PA 18925
Summer 2023

Dear Fifth Grade Trailblazers and Parents,

Welcome back to Bridge Valley Elementary for another incredible school year. My name is Mrs. Ziska, and I am so excited to be your teacher this year. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I completed my undergraduate work at Temple University, and I received my master's degree in Elementary Education from Arcadia University. This will be my fifteenth year working in the Central Bucks School District. I taught third grade prior to moving upstairs to fifth. I am excited to start my 7th year as a 5th grade teacher.

I hope you are having a relaxing summer. I have 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 dive into our reading and writing program, MyView. Year four is ahead for us with our math program, Math in Focus. We will explore fractions, decimals, geometry, operations, problem solving, and so much more! Keeping working on those basic facts over the summer! 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.

Supplies

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. Most supplies will be provided for you, however, below, you will find a list of supplies that I am asking you to bring in from home that will help you be successful during our 5th grade year. If you would like to bring in your supplies during our open house on Thursday, August 31, you are more than welcome. If not, having your supplies ready for the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5th would be great.

- ☐ Independent reading books
- ☐ 1- 4 pack of low order Expo Markers
- ☐ 2-Pocket **Plastic** Folders in the following colors:
 - Blue
 - Red
 - Yellow
 - Green
 - Your choice
- ☐ 1- Subject **Spiral** Notebooks (NO marble notebooks please) in the following colors:
 - Blue
 - Red
 - Green
 - Yellow
- ☐ Hand-held pencil sharpener
- ☐ Durable Pencil Case or Supply Box
- ☐ Headphones
- ☐ District Issued Computer and Case

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 at 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 to our classroom, it would be greatly appreciated.

- ☐ A box of tissues

Snack

Please pack a healthy snack (ex: a piece of fruit, crackers, cereal bar, etc.) and water or juice **every day** (including the first day of school) for your snack. The latest research on the brain and learning shows that eating foods high in protein, at the beginning of the day, helps to promote learning and increased brain activity.



Student Information

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

Parents--Important Dates to Remember

Bridge Valley will host an Open House for students on **Thursday, August 31 from 2:30 PM-3:30 PM**. The first day of school for students is **Tuesday, September 5th**.



Our Back-to-School Night will be on **Monday, September 11th 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 rest of summer and welcome to the 2023-2024 school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stacy Ziska

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