

Summer 2019

Dear Future 5<sup>th</sup> Grader,

**Welcome to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade at Bridge Valley Elementary!** My name is Mr. VanZant and I will be your 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. I have taught in the Central Bucks School District for more than twenty years. I have taught at five different schools and have taught 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades, as well as PEN. This year will be my eleventh year as a teacher at Bridge Valley, and I am SO HAPPY to be here! I am looking forward to a fun-filled year of learning and growing together.

We will be exploring many exciting realms this year. Not only are we beginning an exciting new math program (*Math in Focus*), but we will learn about energy, weather, geography, United States history, as well as a variety of reading and writing. Not only that, but I love games and puzzles, that teach and strengthen problem solving skills. I will be sharing many such activities with you. I am looking forward to a year filled with joy and learning!

Some items of note:

#### Snack

Please pack a small, healthy snack (ex: fruit, crackers, granola bar, etc.) and water or juice, every day for snack. For the first week, please plan to make it a “peanut free” snack. Depending on food allergies, the “peanut free” snack policy, may need to remain in effect all year. I will let parents know, on or before Back to School Night.

#### Some Important Dates to Remember

Bridge Valley will host an **Open House** for students on **Thursday, August 29, 2019** from **2:00PM to 3:30PM**.

The **first day of school** for students is **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**.

**Back to School Night** for parents is on **Monday, September 9th at 7:30 PM**.

**I am looking forward to working with you!** Please bring your favorite summer book to school on the first day. **Enjoy the rest of your summer!**

Sincerely,  
Mr. VanZant