



# Welcome to First Grade!



August 1, 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to First Grade! My name is Mrs. Volpe and I will be your child's first grade teacher. This will be my twelfth year teaching in the Central Bucks School District and my eleventh year at Bridge Valley. I am a graduate of The College of New Jersey with my undergraduate degree being in elementary education. I earned my master's degree and reading specialist certification through Cabrini University. I am truly excited to be in first grade again and meet new friends!

I enjoyed spending time with my family this summer. We had fun vacationing in Ocean City, New Jersey, and exploring many of the great parks and nature centers in the area when we were home! I hope you are having a fun and relaxing summer as well. I am looking forward to meeting you and working as a team. Together, we will ensure a successful and fun first grade year!

You may have some questions about first grade, so let me see if I can answer a few of them for you.

## • **School Supplies**

We will provide traditional supplies that you do not see listed (ex. crayons, pencils, glue, colored pencils). Below are the supplies your child will need to bring. Please remember to label all your child's school supplies so that they may be returned to him/her if misplaced throughout the year.

- 1 package of thick, low odor EXPO markers (thick ones tend to last longer)
- 1 pair of scissors
- A supply box/pencil case (big enough to store scissors, crayons, glue and pencils)
- Headphones (sent in a plastic bag labeled with your child's name)
- 1 clean adult sock (to be used as an eraser for a dry erase board)
- iPad stylus (one that does not require a battery)

- **Snack**

First graders will be having a snack each morning. Please send in a healthy snack and drink **each day**. Some first graders have a hard time discriminating between their "lunch" and their "snack." It may be a good idea to pack these separately and point this difference out to your child.

- **Name Tag**

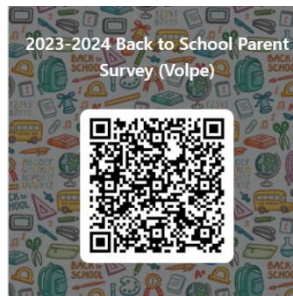
Please write your child's dismissal information (including bus # if applicable) on the back of the name tag you receive at the Open House. Your child should wear their name tag each day during the first week of school. This helps all of us in making sure your child gets to where they need to go.

- **Open House**

The Bridge Valley Open House is Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Come see Bridge Valley, your child's classroom, and meet me! You can also feel free to drop off any supplies to lighten your child's load on their first day of school!

- **Parent Survey**

Please scan this QR code to fill out a parent survey so that I may learn more about your child!



We are going to have a fantastic year! If you would like to email me, my email address is [avolpe@cbsd.org](mailto:avolpe@cbsd.org).

Warmly,

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