



Summer 2017

Dear First Grader,

Welcome to first grade! I am very happy to have you in my class this year. I hope you are having a wonderful summer and feeling excited to come to first grade soon. I bet that you are curious about all of the things we will do.

First grade is a very special year. We will make new friends, work together as a community, and have a lot of fun! We will also investigate the world around us in science, work together to think deeply in math, share our learning with the world online, make mistakes, read many wonderful books, and grow & stretch our brains.

I am looking forward to getting to know you! Here are a few facts about me:

- * I love visiting Cape Cod and swimming in the Atlantic Ocean.
- * In the winter I love to ski with my family. On a recent ski trip I saw a moose on the ski trail! Do you like to do any activities outside, too?
- * I think whales are amazing animals. I wonder how big the largest whale is?

You are an important member of our class and I can't wait to share this year with you. See you soon!

Love,
Mrs. Bates