

Dear Parents,

It is my great pleasure to be teaching your child in first grade this year. I have already gotten to know some of you and your children, and am thrilled to be reuniting with old friends and forming new bonds as we build our first grade classroom community.

First grade is an exciting year filled with incredible growth and change for your child. The students will be learning to read, developing writing skills, honing math concepts, and mastering both addition and subtraction facts. They will also become more responsible and self-reliant students as they learn to manage their time and materials independently.

I have enclosed a suggested supply list for your convenience; you may already have many of these items at home. They are available at most office supply stores, but please let me know if you are unable to find or purchase any of the items on the supply list.

I have also included a questionnaire to provide me with contact information and to help me get to know your child. I appreciate you taking the time to fill it out and return it on the first day of school, Thursday, September 3.

If you and your child would like to visit the classroom before school starts, I will be having an **“open house” on Wednesday, September 2 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. 1-B is in room 225**, which is located at the beginning of the first and second grade wing. From the office, go straight down to the end of the main hallway and take a right at the large double doors. Travel straight across the bridge and down the hall. Our classroom is the last room on the left before the second set of double doors. I look forward to seeing many of you then!

Our classroom website and blog are great ways to stay connected with our classroom throughout the year. The website also contains additional information that you may find useful as you prepare for the school year: <http://mrsbatesfirstgrade.weebly.com>

I hope that you and your family enjoy the rest of your summer vacation. I am looking forward to a wonderful year together!

Best wishes,

Christine Bates”
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