



Summer 2017

Dear 1-B Parents,

It is my great honor to be your child's first grade teacher this year. First grade is an exciting year filled with incredible growth and change for your child. The students will engage in deep thinking as they explore our curriculum and the world around them. They will also become more responsible and self-reliant as they learn to manage their time and materials independently. I look forward to working with you to support your child on this wonderful journey.

If you and your child would like to visit the classroom before school starts, I will be having an "Sneak Peek" on **Wednesday, September 6 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.** in our 1-B classroom. 1-B is located in room 225 near 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. We are the fourth classroom on the left, before the double doors to the second grade wing. I hope you can join us!

A printable copy of the 1B Suggested Supply List is posted on our class website. Also included is a link to an Amazon shopping list with all the items. The items are available at most office supply stores. Please let me know if you have any trouble. In addition, scholarships are available by contacting Dr. Mary Brown at 617-879-4506 or mary_brown@psbma.org.

Also included on our class website is a link to the 1-B Student and Parent Information Form, to be completed online at your convenience **before the first day of school**. Be

sure to include email addresses you check frequently, as the majority of our communication will be electronically. I appreciate you taking the time to fill it out prior to the first day of school.

Please stay connected to our class all year long! Be sure to read our class blog and your child's individual student blog. Also, follow us on Twitter as we tweet throughout each day @1BFirstGrade. All this, and more information about first grade, can be found at www.mrsbatesfirstgrade.weebly.com.

I am thrilled to be reuniting with old friends and forming new bonds as we build our first grade classroom community. I hope that you and your family enjoy the rest of your summer vacation and I look forward to sharing a wonderful year together!

Best wishes,

Christine Bates