



welcome to first grade!



Dear First Grade Families,

Hello and welcome to first grade in Room 118! I am so excited that you will be joining me on our **learning adventure** this year. I look forward to meeting each of you and learning all about your child.

I have been teaching first grade for over ten years. I have also spent three years teaching second grade. I absolutely love teaching first grade - it is truly where my passion lies. It is a year filled with so much **fun, exploration, and growth**.

I graduated from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign with a degree in Elementary Education. I went on to earn my Masters in Reading as well as my Reading Specialist Certification. I am **passionate** about learning, and I hope to pass that along to each child this year.

It is my mission to instill a love for learning in my students. My goal this year is to create a **safe, engaging, and motivating learning environment** that challenges and supports each child everyday. I am committed to creating a strong classroom community of learners, where students value one another and form collaborative relationships. I am confident that it will be a great year for all of us.

I look forward to seeing all of my new first grade friends on **Wednesday, August 23rd**, our first half-day of school! Please bring all of your school supplies. I am eagerly awaiting the **learning, celebrations, and relationships** that I will build with you and your child this year.

Sincerely,
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