

# Welcome to First Grade!

Hello,

My name is Mrs. Balcerak (Ball sir rack) and I am so excited to be your teacher this year! We are going to have lots of fun and learn many new things. I hope you had a fantastic summer! I am so excited to share my love of learning and this amazing journey of first grade with you!

This year we will read many books and you will grow your skills as a reader too! If you were at Sunnyside last year, you may remember the colorful reading bins; we will be using them again this year! In math we will learn to add and subtract using number lines, ten frames, and number racks. Social studies will teach us about citizenship, maps and globes, and our country's history. Light, sound, and organisms will be some of the things we focus on in science.

*Some important things for your grown-ups:*

First day of school is September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Open house will be held in September (more information to come).

Student supply list is attached.

Power word lists are attached.

I am looking forward to meeting you!

Love,

Mrs. Balcerak

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# Mrs. Balcerak's Class

## School Supplies

Needed Daily:

Bookbag

Water Bottle

Face Mask (as of 6/16/21- per DPH guidelines)

Peanut Free Snack

Plastic pencil box

2 large pink erasers

2 pair of scissors

6 Elmer glue sticks

2 boxes of tissues

Earbuds or headphones

3 boxes of Crayola Crayons (24 count)

1 box of gallon size ziploc bags

2 tubs of playdough

1 red plastic 2 pocket folder



# 1G Level Power Words

a	get	lots	this
all	go	love	to
am	had	me	up
an	has	my	want
and	have	no	was
are	he	of	we
at	here	on	went
be	I	one	what
big	in	said	where
can	is	see	who
can't	it	she	why
come	like	that	will
do	little	the	with
down	live	there	yes
for	look	they	you

# 2G Category Words

Numbers	Colors	Directions	Family
two	red	over	mom
five	yellow	under	dad
one	pink	around	brother
four	green	through	sister
three	purple	inside	baby
ten	orange	outside	family
six	blue		
eight	black		
nine	brown		
seven	white		
	gray		