



Hello First Graders and Your Families,

My name is Mrs. Veilleux. This year will be one filled with wonder and discovery. I have many wonder-filled lessons to share with you! We will do lots of creating and exploring.

I love to read, and we will read lots of great books together.

I also love to write books with you, so throughout the year we will be writers and illustrators.

It is a lot of fun to use nature to incorporate our weekly lessons. We often take our lessons outside to explore math, science, and our natural community.

I am really looking forward to getting to know you **BEFORE** the start of this school year, and so I am hoping that you and your family can help me by doing the following...

The first part of this getting to know you starts with a letter from you to me. Please work with your grown-ups to send me an email. In this email, I'd like to know about YOU!

What do you love to do?

Do you have siblings? Pets? A favorite toy? A favorite book?

How do you feel about school?

What do you want to learn this year?

These are just examples of questions. You can answer these, or you can tell me other things that you would like me to know!

Part two is a class **Meet and Greet**. This is planned for **August 29th** from **1:00 - 2:00**. I look forward to meeting you and your grown-ups on

this day. You can stop in anytime in this timeframe to meet me and your classmates, tour the classroom, and see your desk and school tools.

Tools for school are always a fun thing to think about in the summer. The only item you will NEED to bring to school on the first day is a pocket folder. This can be any pocket folder you would like. Make sure it is a pocket folder and not a binder. A binder will be too big! Be sure that it has your name clearly written on the outside of it. I look forward to seeing your COOL folder.

Tools for home are an excellent idea. You and your grown-ups should find a place at home to be your special first grade workplace. It could be in your room, at a table, or wherever your grown-ups think best. **This spot should have crayons, pencils, markers, glue, scissors, and lined and blank paper for you to show your grown-ups all you are learning in grade 1.**

Our classroom is always grateful for donations. Crafting items, stickers, washable markers, clay, paint markers and other fun supplies are always appreciated for our Art and Writing Center. We like to keep our learning environment clean, so donations of **sanitizing wipes** and **foaming hand soap** are appreciated. Our noses always appreciate **soft tissues** too!

Schoology is the platform that our district uses for classroom communication. This is where I will post information about our learning and upcoming events. Families, be sure to sign both your child and yourself up for Schoology. Our wonderful digital resources can only be accessed via the student accounts, so it will be very important for both you and your child to have access! For school-wide information, www.nbcs.k12.nh.us is an excellent resource.

I am excited to receive your letter and to meet you!

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