

Dear First Graders,

Welcome to 1B! I am very happy that we will be spending the year together. I think first grade is magical. You will learn many new things. You will meet many new people and develop new friendships. Best of all, we will share many laughs and have fun learning from each other.

Since we will be spending so much time together, let me tell you about myself. I grew up in Connecticut and moved to Pennsylvania when I married my husband, Michael. We have twins named Danielle and David. They are college seniors. Danielle is attending Bucknell University and David is attending Gettysburg College. They are excited about their classes and enjoying campus life. Danielle is the manager of the Bucknell Women's Basketball Team and David is a member of the Gettysburg Men's Soccer Team. Go Bison and Bullets! While my children are away, I give a lot of attention to our dog, Zorro. Zorro is a Belgian Sheepdog. He is a lovable dog, but he is not very well behaved. He likes to steal food from counters and tables. He also likes to take my shoes out of my closet and hide them all over my house. I am sure I will have many funny Zorro stories to share with you this year. I love my family very much, but I have other interests as well. I absolutely love being a first grade teacher and I can't imagine doing anything else. I think first grade is the best grade ever! During my free time I enjoy walking on the beach, reading, drawing, cooking, and gardening. I also like watching sunsets and taking walks during snowstorms. There is only one thing I do not like and that is watching children wiggle their teeth. Yuck! (Don't worry. I'm fine after the tooth falls out.) Now that you know about me, I look forward to hearing about your interests and what is important to you.

I think Gladwyne School is a very special place. I will do everything I can to help you feel at home in our classroom and around the school. We will tour the building so you will know your way around. We will practice going through the lunch line before it is time to eat. We will also learn how to find your bus or ride at the end of the day. Don't worry about the first few days when everything is new and sometimes confusing. I will be there to help you.

I can't wait to meet you and I look forward to a great year together!

Love,
Mrs. Baer

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The beginning of a new school year is exciting and, at times, confusing. Below is an explanation of various procedural matters you may find helpful. I will explain the curriculum, classroom expectations, and routine procedures in greater detail at Open House.

Communication

Together we can make this a remarkable year for your child. Should you have any questions, concerns, or information that may affect your child in school:

-send an email (baerj@lmsd.org)

-send a note

-call and leave a message on my voice mail at the school number: 610-645-1440

I will do my best to respond promptly.

Food Allergies

Please let me know as soon as possible if your child has an allergy. Our school nurse will notify me of all health concerns, however I like to hear from you as well in order to be certain that all precautions are in place for the first day of school.

Arrival/Dismissal Times

Upon arrival, the children should report directly to our classroom. 1B is located in Room 150. Please keep in mind that student drop off should be no earlier than 8:45 am. The official school day is from 9:00 am to 3:35 pm.

Dismissal Procedure

Children frequently ride the bus home from school, but occasionally they are given a ride home or walk to a friend's house. **Each child will take the bus home unless I have written information specifying otherwise.** If your child is not going to take the bus home, I must have a note specifying the date, with whom they are going home, and where they will meet this person (*carline or **student pick-up). Your note will ensure a smooth ending to your child's day. Also, please remember, arrangements need to be made before your child leaves home. Do NOT rely on an email being read during the school day. (If a mid-day dismissal change is needed, please contact the school office at 610-645-1440.)

*Carline dismissal is an organized system in which you are able to stay in your car and your child walks out to your car when his/her name is called upon your arrival.

**The student pick-up procedure is one in which you must walk to the auditorium entrance (by the front door of the school) to meet your child at dismissal time.

Homework

Daily homework assignments will begin in October. Detailed information will be distributed at a later date.

Snack

Please remember to pack a daily snack for your child. Popular snacks have been yogurt, fruit, cheese, crackers, granola bars, sandwiches, and popcorn. (No candy, please.) Feel free to pack a water or juice as well. Snacks have a tendency to be eaten at lunch if they're packed in the same bag, so please pack snacks separate from lunches. Also, be sure to include utensils if they are needed.

Supplies

A list of recommended supplies can be found on my Blackboard page. Please label each item with your child's name or initials so it can find its way back to them if it gets misplaced. If the supplies are difficult to find or you are unable to buy them at this time, please contact me. I will be happy to obtain them for your child. Your request will be kept confidential.

If you have any questions or concerns that need attention before Open House, feel free to contact me. I look forward to a wonderful year with you and your child.

Sincerely,
Jane Baer

Mrs. Baer's Supply List
First Grade
2017-2018

In order to be prepared for our activities, please bring the following items:

- Backpack or book bag
- Crayons
- Sharpened pencils
- Erasers
- Markers (8 classic colors/broad tip)
- 1 pair of children's scissors
- 1 8-oz. bottle of Elmer's glue
- 2 glue sticks
- 2 black Expo dry erase markers (low odor)
- 1 set headphones (not ear buds)
- Supply box(es) or zippered pouch(es) for markers, crayons, pencils, and scissors
- 1 two-pocket folder for notes and homework
- 1 small bottle of Hand Sanitizer (for your personal use)
- A snack (daily)
- 1 container of disinfecting wipes
- 1 box of tissues

Label each item with your name or initials so it can find its way back to you if it gets misplaced. Additionally, please take the time to label each individual pencil and marker. It prevents much confusion during art activities. (You do not need to label each crayon.)

If the supplies are difficult to find or you are unable to buy them at this time, please contact me. I will be happy to obtain them for you. Your request will be kept confidential.