

Welcome to 1st Grade!

Dear First Grader and Family, August 2026

My name is Mrs. Jocelyne Guzman (formerly known as Ms.A for those of you who know me through friends or older siblings!) and I am writing to welcome you and your child to our First-grade class! This year is going to be full of adventures and fun. We're going to strengthen our reading and writing skills, play loads of math games, and so much more! I am so excited to meet you.

Here is a little information about me! I graduated from Manhattanville College in 2021 with my Master's Degree in Early Childhood and Childhood Education. I have been teaching at Bedford Hills Elementary School for FIVE years and I LOVE our wonderful school community.

My goal as a teacher is to instill a lifelong love of learning! I want you to come in every day happy to be in school and eager to learn about the world around us! I look forward to getting to celebrate the unique gifts that each child brings to our class. Therefore, I make it my mission to build a classroom community filled with kindness, compassion, and respect for all.

I spent a lot of time setting up our classroom this summer! It is full of colors, books and fun decorations that will make you feel right at home. If you have any office forms or paperwork, please bring them on the first day of school. Also, don't forget your water bottle and healthy snack on our first day and every day after.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact me via email at jalvarenga4845@bcsdny.org or via ParentSquare with any questions. I can't wait to see you on the first day of school, Wednesday, September 2nd. I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and cannot wait to meet you! See you soon!

Your excited teacher,

Mrs. Guzman

AKA Ms.A 🙂