

Dear First Grade Friend,

Welcome to First Grade! I am so happy to be your teacher this year! In first grade, we will read *a lot* of books across all different genres and we will also write *many* interesting stories! Get ready to show off your math skills! We will dive deeper into those skills throughout the entire year. In first grade, we learn about many different social studies and science topics too! **Learning in first grade is exciting and fun!**

Let me tell you a little about myself, I live in Haddon Township with Mr. Tallman, and we have three daughters, and three French Bulldogs! In the summer, I love to read, travel and spend time at the beach and I am learning how to play golf too. **I can't wait to learn more about you!**

I am sending along a list of supplies you will need for this year. Please bring these items in on the **first day of school**. Also, be sure to bring a **water bottle** and a **healthy snack** on the first day, and please bring **your favorite book** too! I can't wait to meet each one of you! I am so excited to learn and grow together!

Love,
Mrs. Tallman

Dear First Grade Parents,

Hello, my name is Heather Tallman and I am your child's first grade teacher. I have been teaching for twenty-three years and during this time I have taught kindergarten, first grade, second grade and reading intervention. **I love Haddon Township** so much that I have lived here since 1996 and raised my family here too. I have been teaching at Edison School since 2014, and I am so excited to continue my time at Edison School (which I consider home) and to be teaching your children this year.

First Grade is an exciting year. The students will become stronger readers, writers and spellers and will develop a deeper, more concrete understanding of math concepts and the world around them. Students will learn about their emotions and ways to express themselves to stay regulated in order to learn. They will build their stamina and learn how to work as a member of our first grade community, to work independently and to work responsibly within a class of readers, writers and thinkers.

During the first days of school, we will focus on community building and activities involving getting to know each other. We will learn about our classroom and set goals for the year. We will develop class expectations together that enable each member of our class to work and grow in a safe and fun learning community. **This will enable every student to learn, feel safe and thrive in first grade.**

Parent involvement is very important to me, we will be partners in your child's education this year, so if you have something you'd like me to know about your child or family, any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at **htallman@htsd.us.** I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year!

Sincerely,
Heather Tallman

Mrs. Tallman First Grade Supply List

Personal Supplies (*please label each item with student name*):

- ☐ Crayons (16 or 24 pack) label box with name
- ☐ Markers, washable (10 pack) label box with name
- ☐ Colored pencils (12 or 24 pack) label box with name
- ☐ 1 pair of headphones (or earbuds) label with name
- ☐ 1 pair of child sized scissors (label with name)
- ☐ 1 Sketchbook (unlined) label with name
- ☐ 1 red two-pocket folder for Spanish (label with name)
- ☐ 1 sturdy two-pocket folder (label with name)
- ☐ 1 sturdy two-pocket yellow folder (label with name)
- ☐ 1 sturdy two-pocket folder blue (label with name)
- ☐ 1 composition notebook (wide ruled) label with name
- ☐ 1 spiral notebook (wide ruled) label with name
- ☐ Please send in $3 with your child for a supply bin **(To help your child manage a desk, all students have the same "tool kit" bin for their supplies, so please DO NOT send in pencils cases of any kind)**

Shared Supplies (please *NO LABELS*):

- ☐ 1 box of **sharpened** pencils (12 pack) Ticonderoga preferred
- ☐ 2 highlighters (yellow)
- ☐ 6 pack of disappearing purple glue sticks
- ☐ 4 pack of Expo dry erase markers (black only)
- ☐ 4 pack of Post-it notes
- ☐ Optional items: paper towels, hand sanitizer, quart and gallon ziploc bags, and tissues

Feel free to email me with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support!