



September 5, 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to First Grade! It was great meeting so many parents and students at *Meet Your Teacher* on Friday. I am hoping that I will get to meet those parents that were not able to attend on *Back to School Night*.

I am very excited about this year! First Grade is such a year of growth and change. You will see so many changes in your child this year! Your child will learn many new things and have many new experiences.

This year we will be using our *All in One* binders. It will travel between home and school daily. The binder will be used as a daily form of communication as well as containing vocabulary checklists and other important information. Please check the *All in One* daily. Beginning next week I will place a calendar in the All in One. This calendar is a form of daily communication. If I have a quick comment I will jot it down on the calendar. You may also feel free to write down a question or concern on the calendar as well. I will be sending a Take-Home Folder home daily until I have everyone's All in One binder ready to go. Once the All in One binders are ready to go, the Take-Home Folders will no longer come home.

Today I sent home your child's Thursday Folder. The Thursday Folder will contain important notes from the office and the PTA, and our graded papers for the week. Please sign the Thursday Folder and return it the next day. Today in the Thursday Folder you will find some important papers and forms that you will need to read and return to school. Some of the papers are for the office. The others include a form that allows me to get to know your child better. There is also a sharing activity that allows the class to get to know your child better. Please go over these forms and return them to school as soon as possible. I would like to begin the sharing activity next Tuesday.

Resources will follow an **A Day-E Day** schedule. This schedule will ensure that students do not miss a particular resource because school was closed for the day. Our resource schedule is as follows:

A-Day Media

B-Day Art

C-Day PE

D-Day PE

E-Day Music

Our class will have several field trips this year. If you would like to be a chaperone for any field trip, or to be a volunteer for our class, you must register online. You can find more information about registering at ccpskeepntrack@calvertnet.k12.md.us. The process takes about 2 weeks, so please register as soon as possible if you would like to be a volunteer or a chaperone for a field trip.

Last spring the PTA took orders for Back to School Supplies. They were available for pick up on Meet Your Teacher day. If you were not able to order school supplies from the PTA, I am enclosing a list of items that your child will need.

- 4 Plastic Folders, 2 Pockets in Blue, Red, Green, Yellow
- 1 Set of Dividers, 3-Ring, 5-Tab
- 1 Three-Ring Binder (1 1/2 inch)
- 1 Plastic School Box (about 5" x 8")
- 2 Dozen #2 Pencils (All Wood), Sharpened
- 2 Boxes of Crayons (24/Box)
- 10 Glue Sticks
- 1 Pair Kid Scissors
- 4 Large Pink Erasers
- 2 Primary Journal Composition Books (1/2 picture, 1/2 lines with dotted center line)
- 3 Primary Composition Books (no picture, all lines with dotted center line)
- 1 large box of tissues

The school supplies will need to be replenished throughout the year. I will also request items throughout the year that we may run low on. These items usually include tissues, Baggies, glue sticks, and dry erase markers.

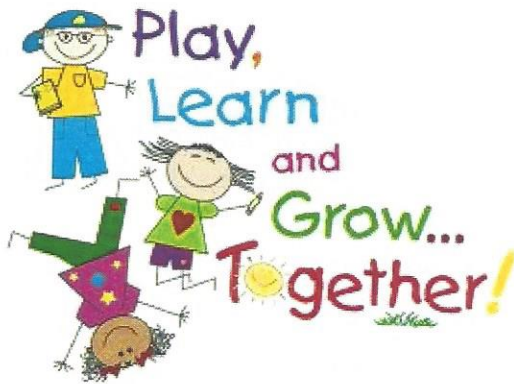
Homework will be an important part of first grade. The First Grade Team coordinates the homework so the whole grade will be doing the same homework each week. Homework will begin in 2 weeks.

If you need to get in touch with me, I can be reached at school by calling 443-550-9520. I usually return calls in the evenings. My school email address is ellisonm@calvertnet.k12.md.us I usually read and respond to emails in the evenings as well. Our class has a web page that I am in the process of updating. The address is [besgrade1@weebly.com](http://besgrade1.weebly.com) I do like to include pictures of the students on our web page. I would never include the child's name, just their picture. I need permission for your child's picture to appear on our web page. Please sign and return the attached permission slip if you would like your child's picture to appear on our web page.

I am looking forward to a great year! I hope to see you at Back to School Night on September 19.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Misty Ellison



_____ I give permission for my child's picture to appear on the class web page.

_____ I do not give permission for my child's picture to appear on the class web page.

Child's Name

Parent Signature