Dear First Grade Superstar,

WELCOME TO THE FIRST GRADE! I am Mrs. Bazinet and I will be your teacher this year. I am so happy to have you as one of our classroom friends! I am also very excited about all the wonderful things we will learn this year. I cannot wait to meet you and launch into learning together.

I want you to know that I am here for YOU. I care very much about my students, and it is my job to help you learn in a safe and challenging environment. I want you to know that you can come to me with any questions, anytime. I love helping my students be the best they can be! I know YOU are very capable of SUCCESS and will do very well this year. I also want you to know that I expect you to do your absolute best on everything you try!

I hope you are just as excited about the first day of school as I am! The classroom is almost ready for your arrival. When you come to school the first day, you will have a desk ready and waiting for you. In our classroom, we start the year by sitting in small cooperative groups. The top of your desk lifts up so you have room for your own personal materials inside. Pretty cool, huh?

I encourage you to take some time to set up a special work area at home. You can keep a pencil/marker box there filled with all the items you will need to complete your assignments.

On the first day, we will get to know each other, and go over the rules and procedures of the classroom. We will also have some fun activities to start off the year. Please remember your student information sheets, a snack for recess, your backpack, your supplies, one box of tissues, and one package of baby wipes for the classroom (thank you!).

Enjoy the rest of the summer. I look forward to seeing you on our first day of school August 27th. Don’t forget that it is a half-day! I will meet you outside of our classroom door. Can’t wait to see you then!

Love Always,

Mrs. Bazinet
Dear Parents,

Welcome to Grade One!

I am pleased to welcome you to the 2014-2015 school year! I am looking forward to having your child as a student. One of my most important goals is to create a family of learners in my classroom. I am committed to crafting a classroom environment where your child is a valued, trusted, and an integral part of our family of learners. In order to accomplish this, I have planned a variety of activities to emphasize and reinforce this goal. It is my hope that you will support and encourage this vision at home.

Parents are the driving force in their child’s life. I encourage you to show your concern by asking your child about their school day daily and making sure assigned homework is completed and returned to school. Watch for school-wide communications in your child’s backpack. Also, please refer to our classroom website. I will be updating it regularly with classroom pictures and happenings. The website also has a copy of the FIRST GRADE SUPPLY LIST and BOOK BOX directions that were sent home with your child’s report card. Our address is http://allendale.pittsfield.net/staff_directory/grades_k-2/mrs__bazinet_s_class/

In order to communicate more effectively, I will create a group email list. There will be a sign-up sheet at Open House, but feel free to email me your address earlier at jbazinet@pittsfield.net.

I look forward to a year filled with growth and learning while working with you and your child. I will see you on our first half day of school on August 27th! Don’t forget your camera and maybe even some Kleenex 😊! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Fondly,

Mrs. Jessica Bazinet
FIRST GRADE SUPPLY LIST

Here is a suggested supply list to help you get ready for the upcoming school year:

- Backpack large enough for folders and projects
- 1 PLASTIC Folder to use between home and school
- 2 - 1 Subject Notebooks
- Pencils and erasers
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 4 Glue Sticks
- 2 Small Bottles of Glue
- Crayons, Markers, and/or Colored Pencils
- 1 Clipboard
- 2 Ziploc (or any brand) containers for practicing sight words at home and school (the square kind are the best... it should be small enough to fit in their desk)
- 2 1 inch binders (1 for portfolio and 1 for classroom work)
- 1 Book Box (CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR DIRECTIONS)
- 1 Oversized T-Shirt (smock) for art projects (make sure your name is on it!)

*PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR MATERIALS AND BELONGINGS WITH A PERMANENT MARKER! *

CLASSROOM WISH LIST (Thank you in advance!)

- Tissues, tissues, tissues!!!
- Wet/Baby Wipes (for kids to wipe their desks every week)
- Dry Erase Markers
- Stickers
- Clear Sheet Protectors
- * Scotch Thermal Laminating Sheets (Or coupons for them)
- Lysol No-Touch Soap Refills
- Index Cards (all sizes)
- Ziploc bags (all sizes)
- Hand Sanitizer

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