



August 29, 2022

Greetings Kirkbride Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!. My name is Mrs. Valentine and I will be teaching 1st grade in room 205. This is my 21st year teaching at Kirkbride. With your support and cooperation, your child can anticipate a productive and successful learning experience filled with many learning activities, student discoveries, and so much more!

Below are some ways you can help your child have their best year yet!

Homework will be given Monday through Thursday. Reading is essential! Please read or have your child read to you for 15-20 minutes every night. I will be using Class Dojo as our communication tool. Please make sure you provide the school with your updated email, home address, emergency contact, and telephone number.

Summer is still sizzling! Please send your child to school with a water bottle everyday. Unfortunately, COVID-19 is still an issue. To ensure everyone's safety, we will continue to have daily COVID protocols in place. Students and staff will **be required to wear a face mask** throughout the school day for the first 10 days of school. If possible, send your child to school with two extra masks in a ziplock bag. If masks are required any time after the first 10 days, we will let you know.

The first grade team has an ESOL teacher and a learning support teacher. Mrs. Byun (Mrs. B) will be our first grade ESOL teacher and Mrs. Toscani is the learning support teacher. If you need to reach out to them with questions or concerns I have listed their emails below.

Mrs. B: yjbyun@philasd.org

Mrs. Jessica Toscani: jdeluca@philasd.org

I look forward to learning more about your child as we work together to provide a safe, positive, and engaging learning environment.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Valentine
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