

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

September 5, 2023

Greetings Kirkbride Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! My name is Mrs. Somaly Valentine, and I will be teaching first grade in room 205. This is my 22nd 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 daily is essential! Please read or have your child read to you for 15-20 minutes every night. I will be using ClassDojo as our communication tool. Please ensure you provide the school with your updated email address, home address, emergency contact, and telephone number. Also, it is vital that your child bring a water bottle to school everyday with your child's name labeled on it.

The first grade team ESL and Learning Support teachers are as follows:

ESL: Mrs. Byun- [yjbyun@philasd.org](mailto:yjbyun@philasd.org)

Special Education: Mrs. Toscani- [jdeluca@philasd.org](mailto:jdeluca@philasd.org)

SSA: Ms. Mina- [mmuhammad2@philasd.org](mailto:mmuhammad2@philasd.org)



Mrs. Byun will be Co-teaching with the first grade teachers for ELA (reading and writing), but she will also support the English Language Learners in Math.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to learning more about your child as we work together to provide a safe, positive, and engaging learning environment.

With gratitude,  
Mrs. Valentine



# SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

## 1st Grade Supply List

7 composition notebooks (NO spiral copybooks or binders please) (Red, Orange, Yellow, 2 Green, Blue, and Purple)

7 plastic folders (Red, Orange, Yellow, 2 Green, Blue, and Purple)

12 sharpened pencils

1 box of crayons

Scissors

A pack of 4 dry erase markers (Fine/Thin Ones)

1 Pencil box (About 4x8 inches)

## Wish List

2 Box of tissues

Hand sanitizer

Disinfectant wipes

Headphones

1 pack copy paper