



Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome to FIRST grade! My name is Jovanne Buckmire and along with Katie Biro we will be teaching your first grade student. We are very excited that your child is going to be in our class.

Let us first start by sharing some information about ourselves professionally and personally. This is my 4th year teaching at Conservatory Lab Charter School. I have always taught in the first grade classroom. I love spending time with my family- especially my eight-year-old daughter and one-year-old son. In my spare time I like to shop, go to the beach, and read. Last year, Katie was the first grade intern in the classroom. This year we are very fortunate to have her all year. Currently Katie is finishing up her degree in Elementary Education at Wheelock College. She loves to travel and finds joy in teaching. She has spent her summer working at a day care center in Newton, MA, as well as taking classes, and, of course, reading! She is very excited to be returning to teach in our first grade class.

First grade is an exciting time as children embark upon new adventures in the world of learning. We are very excited about our expeditions where we will explore topics such as building materials, American symbols, and the life cycle of plants. We are looking forward to a very exciting and productive year working with your child as he/she begins to learn more about him/herself as a reader, writer, and learner. We will strive each day to make learning a fun and enriching experience for your child.

In order to make this year successful, we will need your help. We believe that parents and teachers are a team, which requires collaboration and communication to best help your child develop emotionally, socially and academically. You are the most important person in your child's life and you are also a teacher in your child's life. I know if we work together and communicate, your child will have a very successful year! Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have during the year. We can be reached at (617) 254-8904 ext. 203 or jbuckmire@conservatorylab.org and kbiro@conservatorylab.org.

We hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer and we can't wait to see you on the first day of school!

Sincerely,

Jovanne Buckmire and Katie Biro