

Dear Room 201 Families,

We would like to welcome you to an exciting year in Room 201. We hope that you and your family had an enjoyable summer vacation and are ready to start a wonderful year in First Grade. We will be your son/daughter's teachers, Mrs. Marguerite Valeri and Mrs. Lauren O'Brien. We are so excited to be working together this year with you and your child. This will be our fifth year teaching at Community School and we are looking forward to being back at Community working together as your first grade team!

First grade will be a very busy and rewarding year for you and your child. Throughout this year your child will learn many new things and make many new friends. It is important to remember that each child develops at their own pace, acquiring new skills when they are developmentally ready. In order to build each child's self-confidence in their skills we will build off each small success they experience and celebrate each individual's accomplishments. The first grade year is an extremely important year in your child's education and we look forward to sharing our love of learning with them and help them become lifelong learners.

It is important to know that our room will be a community based classroom. Instead of each child having their own pencil box full of their own supplies, each table will have caddies full of supplies. Each table will have plenty of crayons, scissors, glue sticks, pencils and erasers for the students to share. If your family would like to donate items to the class, they will be happily accepted to share with all!

Throughout the course of the school year, we will be sending home notes updating you on things that are going on in our classroom. If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to send a note in with your child or send us an email at mvaleri@naschools.net or lobrien@naschools.net. Please post the attached paper in a safe place as a reference of important information regarding our classroom, specialist schedule, and lunch prices! We are looking forward to working with you and your family throughout the school year!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Valeri and Mrs. O'Brien