

Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome to First Grade at Saint Francis of Assisi School. I am delighted to be your child's teacher this year! My name is Miss Severino and I am a graduate of Chestnut Hill College with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. This is my thirty-second year teaching. I have been teaching for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for twenty-six years and this is my ninth year at SFA. I am a proud mother of one beautiful daughter, grandmother to two delightful grandsons and a granddaughter on the way with an expected arrival at the end of October. In November, I will be getting married and expanding my family with my husband and his two children. I enjoy spending time at the beach, relaxing in the sunshine, reading a good book, and traveling.

This is an exciting year for you and your child and I am here to make it a wonderful experience! It is designed to promote your child's spiritual, academic, social, and emotional growth. Your first grader will engage in opportunities to grow their love of learning in Religion, Literacy, Math, Social Studies, Science, Spanish, Technology, Physical Education, and Music. They will learn through carefully planned activities that focus on their strengths and needs in a variety of settings including whole class, small group, and individual instruction.

As we embark on this journey together, I want you to know how important open communication is to me. If at any time you have questions or concerns, simply jot me a note, send me a message on Class DoJo, or send an email at [vseverino@sfacatholic.org](mailto:vseverino@sfacatholic.org).

I will be sending home a communication binder everyday. It will include your child's homework sheet, spelling word lists, study sheets, other important notes from myself or the office, and much more. Please check this binder daily.

This very important year promises to be one filled with discovery and joy as your child prays, learns, and works here at Saint Francis, an environment that is warm, safe, and challenging.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, September 4th for our First Day of School. (Don't forget to send a water bottle and snack!)

Enjoy the rest of your summer,

Miss Severino

