

WELCOME TO 1ST GRADE!

I feel so lucky to have YOU in 1B this year! I hope you had an amazing summer - I can't wait to hear all about it!

My name is Ms. Brown and this will be my very first year at Underwood. I know many of you are starting your first year at Underwood, too! I am so excited to learn new things together.

Here are a few of my favorite things!



FOOD: Strawberries 🍓
DESSERT: Ice cream 🍦
COLOR: Blue ●
ANIMAL: Ladybug 🐞
AUTHOR: Mo Willems 🐘 🐷 🐦



This is what I looked like when I was in first grade!



This is what I look like when I am wearing a mask.
Can you guess why this is my favorite mask?



This is what I look like when I am not wearing a mask.



August 27th, 2021

Dear 1st Grade Families,

Hello and welcome back to school! I am so excited to be at Underwood this year to enjoy all of the amazing parts of first grade with you and your child. I would like to acknowledge the fact that our students are entering first grade having had many unique experiences this past year. Whether your child was in a school building, learning at home or spending time in a different way, I cannot wait to share our stories and learn the strengths that each child will bring to our community.

This past year, I worked as a first grade teacher at Horace Mann Elementary School in Newton. I am a double Eagle - I graduated from Boston College with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction. Boston College is one of my favorite places in the world and I feel lucky to be teaching nearby! I am originally from Darien, CT, a town just outside of New York City. In my free time, I love running, doing yoga, reading and spending time with my family and friends.

As I continue my teaching career at Underwood, I am committed to developing my practice in order to be the best anti-racist teacher I can possibly be. I am constantly learning how to create an inclusive classroom in which all students feel safe, welcomed and ready to learn. Throughout the year, our class will spend time exploring our identities and having important discussions regarding race, prejudice and discrimination. Along the way, I will provide appropriate language and resources if you are interested in continuing these conversations at home.

Please do not ever hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or ways I may be able to support you at home (or even something you just want to share!). My email address is brownmar@newton.k12.ma.us. I am also in the process of updating my classroom website - stay tuned!

Thank you for taking the time to read through this information. I look forward to a fantastic year in first grade!

Sincerely,
Mary Brown





First Grade Supply List

**Please do NOT put your child's name on any items as they will become shared classroom materials. Thank you!*

Required Materials:

- ★ 1 yellow plastic pocket folder
- ★ 1 red plastic pocket folder
- ★ 2 Elmer's glue sticks
- ★ 12 or 24 pack of Crayola Crayons
- ★ 12 or 24 pack of Crayola colored pencils



Not required, but much appreciated items:

- ★ 1 box of tissues
- ★ 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- ★ 1 bottle of soap
- ★ 8 pack Crayola markers
- ★ 1-2 rolls of paper towels
- ★ 1 container of Lysol/Clorox wipes

