

Dear parents,

Welcome to the first grade class of 2012-2013! My name is Bree Pitino and I am very happy to be your child's first grade teacher! This will be an exciting year for all of us as we begin a new school year at SSPP. I am looking forward to a year full of learning and fun. I am also deeply grateful to have the opportunity to work with all of you and your new first graders. We will be learning, making discoveries, and experiencing new things together.

To tell you a little bit about myself, I have a B.A. IN Psychology from the University of Hartford and a M.S. in elementary education from the University of Bridgeport. I have been teaching for four years. I was a substitute teacher in Wolcott, A pre-school teacher for Naugatuck Head Start, and this will be my fifth year as a first grade teacher at SSPP.

I am trying something new with my webpage. I believe this a great method of communication with you. I will be updating this website monthly so that you can stay in touch with what we are doing and happenings at our school. This will not be my only means of communication. I will be sending notes, letters, and reminders home periodically, as well as contacting you by phone.

Throughout this website you will find some important information for a smooth year. I hope it will answer some of the questions you may have about first grade. Please take some time to read my philosophy, as it will give you a good indication of my hopes and expectation for the year. Please look around the website and let me know what you think! I will be posting students work soon.

Your child will need to bring some supplies into school. Please check the supply list on this site. You may also want to check our classroom procedures; it will give you a better idea of what your child will need for each school day.

In addition, we need the support of our parents. Please know that parents and teachers are partners in a child's education. It is important that we communicate openly and honestly with one another. Don't forget to talk to your child about their day and make sure that they are feeling confident and happy.

Please feel free to email me at anytime. I try to check my emails every evening. Again, welcome to first grade. I look forward to spending my time with you and your child.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs. Pitino