

# Greetings & Welcome to K1!

## Welcome Parents and Students!

My name is Dr. Wakeel and I am a special education teacher for grades First and Second. I would like to send a warm and rousing welcome to my returning students, as well as to my new students! I am elated and grateful to have you all in my presence. I have had the pleasure of greeting all of my wonderful students and parents. I wanted to take some time to observe and interact with my students for a few days to type a letter that not only welcomes everyone, but also to address needs in order to support my students effectively. I look forward to providing each of my students with a high-quality educational experience, so that each student reaches his/her learning goals. I ask my parents to continue to partner with me throughout their child's academic journey, so that we can have a successful **2025-2026** school year.

In terms of classroom supplies, please visit John B. Kelly's website (<https://kelly.philasd.org/>) in accordance with your child's grade. I have also attached a **school supplies list** to this letter, too. With regards to **personal supplies** for children who are still toilet learning, please provide wipes, **pull-ups with the Velcro sides, two complete changes** of clothing, and socks (**all items need to be labeled with your child's name prior to sending it to school**).

In order to maintain academic rigor, please check your child's homework folder. Homework is assigned as a packet (**Monday-Thursday**), and should be returned on **Friday**. Homework is essential to your child's academic, social, and emotional growth, because it allows each child to practice and review much-needed skills. Reading is a foundational skill that requires practice; therefore, please read with your child for **20 minutes daily** to increase comprehension and fluency skills. Comprehension graphic organizers will be placed in each student's homework packet. In addition, a **behavior report is sent home daily which should be returned daily**, so that we can keep an open line of communication. Lastly, **Class Dojo** will still be utilized, so that I can award points to each student along with updates.

Let me reiterate, I am honored that you have entrusted me with your child during the **2025-2026** school year. Welcome!

Kind regards,

Dr. Wakeel  
Autistic Support Teacher

### **School Supplies List**

- One large school bag
- Uniform (Khaki pants/skirt and white or green shirt)
- Two dozen sharpened pencils
- Five composition books (marbled)
- Two folders
- Two big erasers
- One box of jumbo Crayons
- One plastic pencil case
- Two glue sticks (no liquid or paste glue)
- Two large boxes of tissues
- One ream of copy paper
- One container of Clorox Wipes
- Two large bottles of hand sanitizer
- One pack of baby wipes

**NO PENCIL SHARPENERS OR SCISSORS, PLEASE**