

Supplies

- 1 backpack-no wheels- large enough to fit a full size folder
- 2 dozen pencils
- 1 box of crayons (24-count)
- 2 dozen colored pencils
- 1 box of washable markers
- 2 pink erasers
- 4 glue sticks
- 4 plastic folders with pockets
- 2 wide-ruled spiral notebooks
- 1 pencil box

All supplies will be shared so please do not put your child's name on supplies.

Appropriate clothing for the weather- students will go out daily, rain or shine. Jackets with a hood please.

Want to volunteer?

Please fill out a background check and let me know if and when you are available.

<https://www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/volunteer>

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Welcome to First Grade



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What do we learn in 1st Grade?

Language Arts



Reading

Our reading program is produced by National Geographic called Reach For Reading (R4R). R4R uses many texts with social studies and science themes.

I use the Daily Five Structure, giving the students purposeful tasks to work on individually and in pairs, while I provide skill-specific coaching and conferencing to students.

Writing



For writing, we will learn to write in three styles: narrative, informational and opinion. The style of writing changes each quarter, while building on the strategies learned from previous quarters.

We will also publish a class book in the spring from Studenttreasures Publishing.
<https://studenttreasures.com/>

What do we learn in 1st Grade?

Math



Our math curriculum is Origio Stepping Stones. The program is aligned with Common Core Standards and exposes students to a wide variety of math concepts and strategies. Look for monthly newsletters explaining the standards being taught for each unit.

Another resource we use to enhance math fact fluency is www.xtramath.org. Look for more information later in the year.

Science



Our science program is called STEMScopes. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math. With this program, students will be involved in several group projects that teach them about scientists, engineers, and the around them.

Social Studies



Our Reach for Reading curriculum touches on social studies themes throughout the year. We will also learn about various holidays and traditions. A large part of social studies is learning to be caring friends in class and school and working together as a class community.

How do we behave in 1st Grade?

School and Class Rules

Our school rules are called the Bruin B's:

- Be Kind
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe
- Be Engaged

We have 5 class rules that we will learn and discuss all year. These rules are based on the concept of Whole Brain Teaching <https://wholebrainteaching.com>:

- Rule 1: Follow directions quickly.
- Rule 2: Raise your hand for permission to speak.
- Rule 3: Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat.
- Rule 4: Make smart choices.
- Rule 5: Keep your dear teacher happy!

Daily Class Schedule

8:30-8:50 Morning Meeting
8:50-9:30 English/Language Arts
9:30-10:05 Math
10:05-10:20 Recess
10:20-11:05 Math
11:05-11:35 Lunch
11:40-12:10 Lunch Recess
12:10-1:10 English/Language Arts
1:10-1:25 Science/Social Studies
1:25—2:05 Specialist: (3 day rotation: PE, Art, Library; 4th day Music)
2:05-2:50- Science/Social Studies
2:55 Dismissal