

Welcome to First Grade



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am pleased to welcome you and your child to First Grade! It will be a year filled with learning and fun. It will be a time to witness your child blossom into a more adept reader, writer, mathematician, scientist, and innovator. How exciting!

No doubt I look forward to meeting you as we embark on this wonderful academic journey. I anticipate that we will work cooperatively throughout the upcoming academic year, with your child's best interest at heart. With this in mind, I envision many milestones being attained by all First Graders.

During the first week of school, our primary focus will be building our classroom community, sharing our interests, creating expectations, practicing routines, and getting to know each other personally. As we get ready for the school year, I am sharing with you some useful information.

My Classroom Approach: My vision for my students is to develop in them a love for learning. My role in the classroom is to facilitate and encourage success—though this may look different daily for each child. I believe that students should always be actively engaged in real, meaningful activities as they construct new knowledge. I also strongly believe that no child should be left behind and that each child can be reached where he/she is. As such, my daily goal is to make an impactful contribution to each child's overall growth and development.

Class Dojo: Through the use of this application, you will be updated about your child's learning experiences. This allows a peek at the developments in the classroom. Also, it provides a means of tracking your child's growth. In addition, this is the place to find any other pertinent school-related information. Most importantly, this is a forum through which I can be reached. In time to come, please expect to receive login information for this platform.

Homework: This will take the form of reading just-right books for at least 20 minutes every evening. Also, your child may be required to practice sight words and math facts or to complete simple activities to reinforce concepts that we study at school. Of course, play and spending time with family are equally important.

Parent Volunteers: I love volunteers! As such, if you are interested in volunteering, please let me know. You are welcome to assist at special events and field trips. Do feel free to share your special talent and knowledge on specific topics. You are most welcome to be a part of our classroom community.

To close, thank you for trusting me with your most precious possession. I will do my best to make this an amazing year for all of us! Let's make it a fantastic year; let's make it one to remember!

Sincerely,

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Giff Hill School

Grade One Supply List

Academic Year 2024-2025

- 1 pencil box
- 24 pencils
- 4 large erasers
- 1 box of crayons (24 count)
- 1 box of colored pencils (24 count)
- 1 box of permanent markers (12 count)
- 1 three-subject spiral notebook
- 1 packet of Expo dry-erase markers
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 pair of kid-safe scissors
- 1 pair of headphones (with cord)
- 1 box of quart Ziploc bags (Boys)
- 1 box of gallon Ziploc bags (Girls)
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- 1 non-disposable water bottle labeled with student's name