

1st Grade

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Welcome! I am excited to meet you!

Of all my 21 years in public education, this academic year is already shaping up to be the most unique. First and foremost, I want you to know that I am eager and excited to meet you and your children and to get back to doing what I love— teaching young children. I have sorely missed the energy and dynamics of a classroom environment.

As we face the uncertainties of schooling during a pandemic, I look forward to our partnership. Your children, their health and safety, and providing the best possible education within the current school structure are my priorities for this school year.

My Approach to Teaching

I learned to be a teacher in the days of chart paper and colored markers. I am accustomed to sharing books, making letter sound boxes and math tools from index cards to be shared among students, and presenting instruction in a way that involves children having their hands on shared classroom materials. However, norms are shifting and I am learning and shifting in response to the new technologies available and the need to protect student health. This year will look different, but I believe we can do it well and meet the developmental needs of first graders, especially if we engage as partners in this journey through

the ever changing landscape of education in a time of pandemic.

Contact Me

I can be reached by email at howecn@etsu.edu. I also welcome phone calls and text messages if those are easier or better ways for you to reach me. If you will send me an email with your contact information, I will gladly share mine with you as well.

markers, tissues, Band Aids, and disinfecting wipes but I am awaiting information and guidance before asking for those.

There may be additional needs that I add at a later time. I am awaiting information and guidance before making suggestions regarding lunch boxes, snacks, water bottles, and backpacks. I am uncertain as to protocols for the management of hydration, nutrition, and personal belongings. As I learn more, I will share additional information with you.

First Grade Supply List

In years past, we have always pooled our resources and shared community supplies. This year will be different. We will need the following personal supplies for each student.

- Two packs of standard size index cards, unlined
- A hard plastic supply box labeled with your child's name
- 48 No.2 pencils and a small, manual pencil sharpener for personal use
- A 24 count box of crayons
- A small pack of colored pencils
- Small pack of markers
- 10 glue sticks
- 1 Primary Composition Book
- 1 Regular Composition Book
- Cloth face mask to be worn daily
- Headphones to use with an iPad

I have a class set of scissors that I can sanitize and assign to students as well as highlighters. I also typically ask for dry erase