

Dear First Grader and Family,



Hi! My name is Mrs. Nephew and I am excited to be your first grade teacher this year. It is going to be a year full of fun, learning, and many adventures!

Let me tell you a little about myself. I grew up in Grand Rapids and currently live in Rockford with my husband Eric, our 14-year-old son Logan, and our 12-year-old son Gavin. I graduated from Michigan State University and completed my master's degree in Reading Instruction from Grand Valley. I am excited to begin my 21st year teaching! I spent my first year in Kindergarten and the last 20 years in first grade at Northview.

Over the summer, I have been very busy getting our classroom ready, reading family chapter books and enjoying the sunshine! When I have some free time, I love traveling, working in my garden, playing with our cats (Thunder and Lightning) and turtle (Zipson), camping and spending time with my friends and family. I cannot wait to get to know you and find out what you have been doing all summer!

Below is a list of suggested supplies for first grade. Thank you so much for helping provide materials needed for both your child and our classroom this year. Our class and I really appreciate your support!

Each student will be using his/her own items instead of sharing classroom items. **Please help our class by taking ALL items out of the original packaging and label them with your child's name. Please place the supplies inside your child's pencil bag so they are ready to go on the first day of school. Thanks for your help!**

First Grade Suggested Supply List

1. **Backpack**-labeled with your child's name
2. **Reusable water bottle**- labeled with your child's name
3. **Pencil bag or box** -labeled with your child's name
4. **8-24 pack of Twistable crayons**-2 packs, put 1 in the pencil box and 1 labeled with your child's name for later in the year
5. **7-12 #2 Ticonderoga pencils**- regular yellow color- not labeled with your child's name (to help with sharpening-no decorative or wax coverings please)
6. **Headphones (not earbuds) for Chromebook**- in a zip lock bag -out of original package and labeled with your child's name for safety and storage
7. **2 black expo markers**- Not labeled with your child's name
8. **Glue sticks**- Not labeled with your child's name
9. **Box of tissues** for the classroom- Not labeled with your child's name



Please check out the second page for more information.



Teaching is an absolute passion of mine! I am very excited to be working together with you to help your child succeed in first grade. You will be amazed at how much your child will grow academically, socially, emotionally and physically this year. Take a few moments every day to find out what he or she is learning. As we prepare students for second grade and beyond, there are many new and exciting learning opportunities. Anytime you have questions, comments or concerns feel free to call me, e-mail me or send a note to school. It is important to keep communication open between us to help your child succeed. I look forward to a great year together!

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Please continue to check your email regularly for updates from Northview, West Oakview and myself as we prepare for the first day of school.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to working together to help your first grader grow this coming school year!

Lisa Nephew

