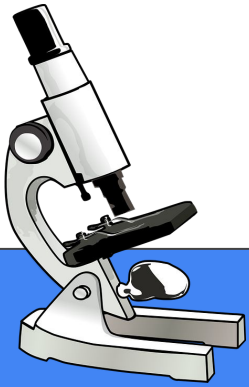


First Grade Squad



Mrs. Whitney

Mrs. McBride

Mrs. Yoly

MRS. WHITNEY

- This is my 4th year at Riverview STEM Academy, and my third year teaching 1st grade.
- I have a Master's degree in Social and Emotional Learning.
- I love learning and am taking trainings this year to continue my learning.
- I have 2 kids. My daughter is 17, my son is 15 and I have 3 dogs.
- I love camping, hiking, biking, and just being out in nature.
- I love baking.



Mrs. McBride

Hi, I am Mrs. McBride!

- ★ My hobbies include cooking, puzzles, and playing video games.
- ★ Experience & Qualifications: I have been teaching for 15+ years and have a Master's Degree in Cross Cultural Education.. I have obtained my certifications in GATE, International Baccalaureate, PLTW Lead Teacher, and LETRS (The Science of Reading).
- ★ I incorporate ETM (Education Through Music) and BTC (Building Thinking Classrooms) in my daily teaching.
- ★ My goal as a teacher is to create a classroom where children learn not just facts, but how to think deeply about the world around them. We want to inspire a love for learning. My mission is to help students develop strong social emotional skills, so they can understand themselves, connect with others, and thrive both in and out of the classroom.

We are going to have the most amazing year together!

Ms. Archila

- ★ I am a student teacher.
- ★ I am ready to seek new learning opportunities.
- ★ I am a mother of 1 sassy girl.
- ★ I am a cat mom of 2.
- ★ I enjoy painting, scrapbooking, biking, and running.

Ms.Amy

- ★ Full name is Amy Lobos
- ★ Bilingual Instructional Assistant
- ★ I work with grades k-4
- ★ This is my fourth year at RSA
- ★ I grew up here in Rancho Cordova/FCUSD student
- ★ I have two pets/two siblings
 - One of my siblings attend here at this school
- ★ I also like to game like Mrs.McBride

MRS. YOLY

- I have two boys, who are 12 and 14 years old.
- My hobbies include traveling, gardening, drawing and painting, paddleboarding, hiking, and bouldering. I speak Spanish fluently.
- This is my seventh year at Riverview, and my 23rd year of teaching!
- I've taught Spanish, Art, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th grades.
- I am a Project Lead the Way Launch Lead Teacher and GLAD, GATE, and LETRS Certified.
- Student clubs I have led are Scientific Illustration, Drama Club, Art Club, Spanish Club and Mural Club.

Daily Schedule

Monday through Friday

8:15 - 9:40	Morning Meeting - ELA, Learning Center SIPPS & Reading Instruction
9:40 - 10:00	Morning Recess/Snack Break
10:00 - 11:30	Calendar, Rocket Math, BTC, and Math Instruction
11:30 - 12:10	Lunch and Afternoon Recess
12:10 - 2:30	SSR, STEM, Social Studies, Social Emotional Learning, Music, & Art
2:30 - 2:45	Clean up and Dismissal Thursdays - Dismiss at 1:15

Special Schedules & Activities

- Wednesdays - Art Class
- Thursdays - Early Dismissal 1:15
- All first grade classes have PE 2 days each week.
- Friday - Fun Friday

Drop off and Pick up

First graders are picked up at the gate. Parents must park their cars in a parking space and walk up to get them. Cars cannot be left unattended in the pick up line.





FAQs 1 -



- ★ **Allergies & Birthdays** – We celebrate birthdays in class. Any items that will be given to students need to be packaged individually and nut free. Ask your teacher about specific items they allow. Click the birthday link if you would like to add your information and access others information for party invitations. Birthday invitations cannot be passed out at school unless it is to the whole class.
- ★ **Extra items** - Please do not let your child bring toys or Pokemon Cards to school.
- ★ **How does my child log into Clever from home?** Please watch our videos from Youtube which we will send out ASAP

CLUBS AND OTHER OFFICE RELATED ITEMS – Please do not send in sign up sheets or money for clubs, or clothing to the classroom. Please send these things DIRECTLY to the office to help ensure that they get it quickly and on time.

LABELS - Please label ALL your child's belongings, especially backpacks, coats, sweaters, and lunch boxes. Please send your child with a HEALTHY snack (Packed separately from their lunch) each day.

FAQs 2 -

- ★ **Leak-proof** Water Bottles – Students should be able to open and close them. This goes for the same as snack and lunch containers.
- ★ **Volunteers** - We always need help. Please note: Sometimes we have parents do work for both classes.
- ★ **Supplies**- [Click Here for our supply list](#)
- ★ **Communication** – [Parent Square](#)
- ★ **Shoes** (shoes they can tie on their own or use Velcro) We will not be tying shoes for them.



- ★ **Illness** - . Please see the district policy about illness and attendance.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS:

- Attendance is the #1 sign a student will graduate.
- Kids who miss 9+ days are 2x more likely to drop out.
- If your family is facing challenges, let's meet and make a plan to support your student.

REMINDERS:

- Vacations and trips should be scheduled outside of the school year. There are more non-school days than school days in a year!
- Parent-Excused Absences: You have 10 days per year for health reasons (mental or physical). After that, we need a doctor's note.

MISSED DAYS ADD UP:

- Being 20 minutes late per day = 2.5 weeks missed each year
- Missing 1 day every 2 weeks = 4 weeks missed each year

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

- Talk to your teacher, principal, or front office anytime. Let's work together!
- Please report every absence to the front office.

School Rules

Be Safe - Be aware of your surroundings, wash your hands, and give people personal space.

Be Responsible - Make good choices and take responsibility for your actions.

Be Respectful - Be respectful with your words, actions, and content shared. Always listen and wait your turn to speak.

Be Kind - Share, help, volunteer and SMILE!

Classroom Management

We use the Engineering design process for problem solving!

- ❑ Second STEP - Social Emotional Learning
- ❑ Class Rewards - GoNoodle Breaks, Virtual Read Alouds, Game Time, Class choice, Fun Friday
- ❑ Individual Rewards - Choose Movement Breaks, Bring a stuffy to sit with you during class, Sharing Time, Choose the Read Aloud, Read a Book to the Class, Use a special pen, prize box, Lunch with Teacher!
- ❑ Reflection Forms & Social Stories



STEM



STEM, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PRACTICES ARE DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN AND DEVELOP STUDENTS UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING.

1. Asking questions and defining problems
2. Developing and using models
3. Planning and carrying out investigations
4. Analyzing and interpreting data
5. Using mathematics and computational thinking
6. Constructing explanations and designing solutions
7. Engaging in argument from evidence
8. Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information



We reflect on our choices and actions!

Think Sheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Today, I:

- ☐ was interrupting or talking when I was supposed to be working
- ☐ was not keeping my hands to myself
- ☐ was not following my teacher's directions the first time
- ☐ was not following bathroom/hallway expectations
- ☐ was not focusing on my learning
- ☐ _____

Here is what happened:

This is how I feel about my choice:



HAPPY



EMBARRASSED



SAD



MAD

Next time, I will:

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Social Skills Stories for First Grade!



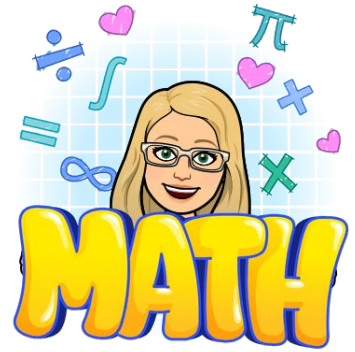
by Lisl Christie
"First Grade Smarty Cats"

Homework will be sent home at the beginning of the year and will stay home for the year.

Nothing will be turned in.



**Most of the Homework
is Optional
but it is all Encouraged**



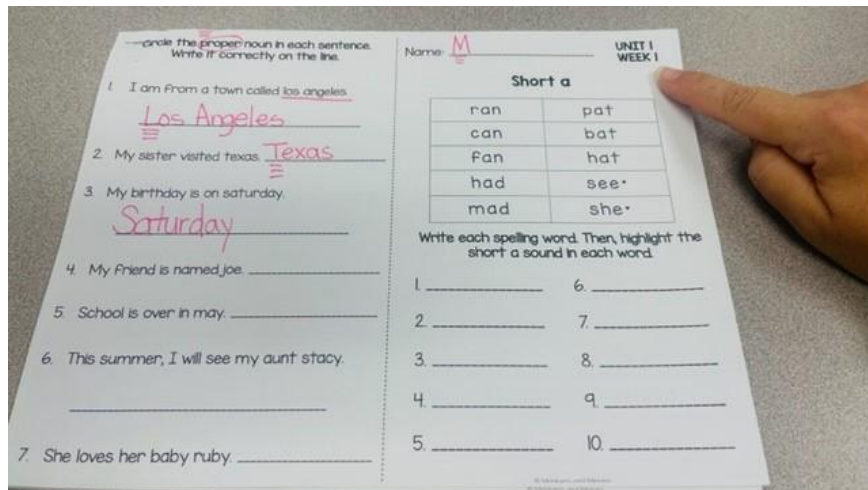
Homework assignments will be posted in the weekly

NewsFlash, which will go out on Parent Square weekly. Students will have two books (math and reading/ELA). Keep them in a safe place at home.

(ALWAYS check Friday Folders).

Homework is NOT independent until your child is an independent reader with comprehension skills.

Please plan on having an adult or helper sit with them read directions to make sure they understand what they are supposed to do. Have someone check to make sure they completed the activity. 1st graders should read and practice writing daily. We recommend re-reading the stories in their homework books multiple times to practice fluency and reading with expression.





Oral Reports

Required Homework -



Name _____

Month _____

4 P's

P Prepared- presentation is well practiced; knows the material; has introduction, facts, conclusion, and visual.

P Posture- eye contact faces audience, serious, standing appropriately.

P Projection- speaks in complete sentences, loud and clear voice level, good pacing.

P Polite Participation- attentive listening towards presenters, sitting quietly while speaker is speaking, clapping appropriately.

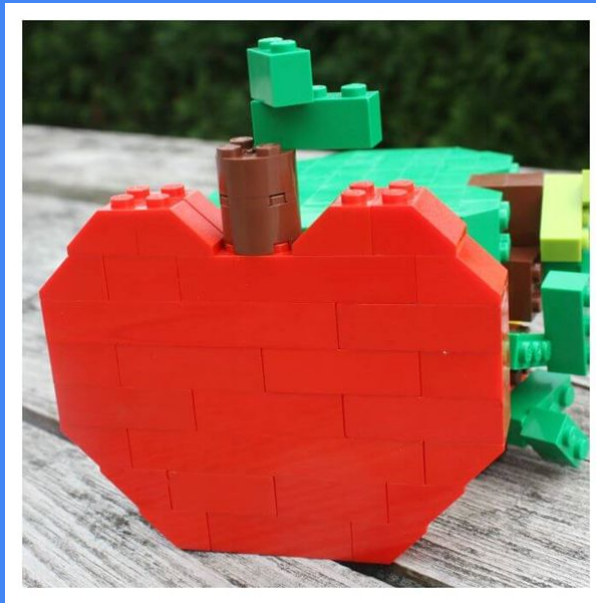
*I did great at: _____

*For next time, work on: _____



STEM Activity of the Month

Optional Apple Engineering Challenge



Education Through Music



ETM INCORPORATES:

- MUSIC
- MOVEMENT
- SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL SKILLS
- COGNITION
- LANGUAGE

ETM fosters child development and learning through song and play, guided by contemporary research in neuroscience.

First Grade Curriculum

enVision (Math)

Benchmark (Language Arts)

TCI (Social Studies)

Amplify (Science)

Mystery Science (Science)

Scholastic News (Science and
Social Studies)

Science Spin (Science &
Engineering)

Second STEP (SEL)





Grading System



First Graders will receive an M, D or L

- ☐ M – Meeting Proficiency in the Standard (Demonstrating Understanding-On Grade Level)
 - ☐ D – Developing Proficiency in the Standard (Learning-Approaching Grade Level)
 - ☐ L – Limited Proficiency in the Standard (Below Grade Level)
- + and – Strengths and Struggles

Apps that are Great for Extra Support and Enrichment

Start by logging into [Clever](#)! Once you get to Clever, you can use their QR Code or their Username and Password! All of the Apps below can be accessed through Clever!



Lexia Core5



Renaissance



Freckle



Khan Academy



99math

Lexia - Extra support and enrichment in Reading

Renaissance/Freckle - Extra support and enrichment in reading and Math

Khan Academy - Extra support and enrichment in math.

99 Math - Extra practice with fast facts!

Logging Into Clever

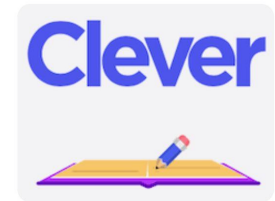
For Folsom Cordova Unified School District (FCUSD) students, you can log in to Clever using your district-assigned Google account or a Clever Badge. The district does not use the Microsoft login option for students.

Method 1: Log in with your FCUSD Google account

1. Navigate to the FCUSD Clever login page. The direct URL is <https://clever.com/in/fcUSD>
2. Click the "Log in with Google" button.
3. Enter your full FCUSD email address (ending in @student.fcUSD.org) and your district password. This is the same login you use for school computers and other Google services.
4. Once logged in, you will see your personalized Clever portal with all your educational apps.

Method 2: Log in with a Clever Badge

1. Go to <https://clever.com/badges>.
2. Click the "Clever Badge Log in" button.
3. Allow Clever to access your device's camera when prompted.
4. Hold your Clever Badge (a QR code provided by your teacher) up to the camera. A green checkmark will appear when you have successfully logged in.



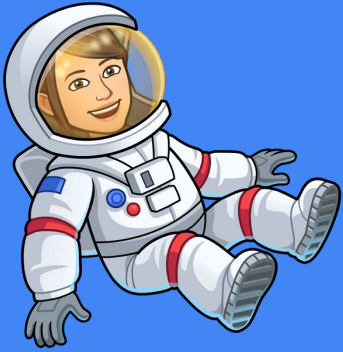
Other programs we recommend within Clever!

Once logged into Clever, student can access their accounts for:

Lexia (Amazing reading program to build, support, and enrich phonics and reading skills)

99 Math (Super Awesome Program to practice fast math facts)

Savaas Easy bridge (Our Math Program - This has games to support the topics we are working on as well as online manipulatives).



THANK YOU!



We look forward to
an amazing year
with your kids!

QUESTIONS???



WELCOME FIRST GRADERS!



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