

Dear First Grade Families,

Welcome to first grade! My name is Renee Powell. I am so excited to be your child's teacher this year. I love teaching and helping others to learn! I am from the Gila Valley, but have lived in the Phoenix area for the last 26 years. I am a big tennis fan and love following the sport. I also love spending time with my family. It is amazing to think that this will be my 25th year teaching first grade at EDUPRIZE. I absolutely love our school and its philosophy.

We have an exciting year ahead of us with many challenging and fun-filled learning experiences. We will grow in math, reading and writing. For science we will enjoy the following cottages: **Wavelength Arcade, Plymouth Plantation, Resource Resort and Bird House**. These amazing units help us to explore the world. We will also grow as a class family by focusing on character traits and learning how to be friends with kind hearts.

Please scroll down for important Open House information as well as a list of supplies your child will need for this year. <u>Please bring all needed supplies on the day of our Open House</u>. Prior to coming to our Open House, please click on this link and fill out this form: <u>Ms. Powell's Open House Forms</u>.

Open House is Thursday, July 17th from 3:00 – 7:00 pm for ALL grades. We are having a special Open House to celebrate our 30 years of education! The celebration will be BIG and will include meeting your teachers, seeing their classrooms, picking up important papers and carpool information, dropping off supplies AND celebrating together with food trucks and PTO activities. It will be a family fun night!

Please tell your child I say hello, give them a hug from me, and let them know that I am excited to meet them and be their teacher this year.



IMPORTANT EAGLE INFO!

Open House Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm

Recommended Time for Our Class: 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Reminder: please complete the Annual Update via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

Program: PM TOPS

Schedule: 10:40 am to 3:40 pm

Monday-Friday

Students should be on campus, ready to line up 5 minutes prior to the start time

listed above.

Building # 1

Room # 23 Extension # 1232

Teacher email address:

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You will receive information regarding carpool and where to line up at Open House.

The first day of school is TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025.

All students must be on-time and present the entire day to be considered enrolled at EDUPRIZE.



The following list of suggested supplies will be used throughout the school year. Please bring them to Open House. Thank you for contributing to our classroom.

** Personal Student Supplies**

Personal items listed below need to be labeled with your child's name. If an item is left in the package, please write your child's name on the outer packaging.

- * Headphones (Please take headphones out of the package and place in a baggie labeled with your child's name. Also put your child's name directly on the headphones with a permanent marker.) Feel free to use headphones purchased last year if they are in good working condition.
- * 1 plastic pencil box (no larger than 5 inches x 8 inches) ** Please place crayons, 2 pencils, 1 glue stick, scissors, and 1 dry erase marker in the box.**
- * A pair of kid scissors
- * 1 wide-ruled composition notebook
- * 1 10-pack of Twistable crayons
- * 12 sharpened pencils (Ticonderoga preferred-leave in package)
- * 2 (4-pack) of black skinny Expo dry erase markers (keep in package to prevent from drying out)
- * 1 (4-pack) of glue sticks (if you can send in an 8 pack, even better as we go through these so fast) (keep in package to prevent from drying out)
- * 10 sheet protectors
- * 2 black Flair Pens (keep in package to prevent from drying out)
- * 4 plastic folders: 3 prongs. It is important that these folders have prongs, because sheet protectors organized by me will go inside. Please have the child's name and label on the front of each folder. See below how to label each colored folder:

Color	Label
Green (This folder needs to be Ultra Sturdy)	Take-Home Folder
Red	Reading Folder
Blue	Math Folder
Purple	Writing Folder

** Optional Supplies **

- * 1 roll of paper towels
- * 1 container of Clorox wipes
- * Kleenex tissues

** Wish List **

- * Dollar store toys/treats/candy for treasure box
- * Gallon & sandwich size Ziploc bags
- * Extra plastic folders (red, blue, green)
- * Case of water for kids who forget water bottles
- * Black Flair pens
- * Post-its
- * Plastic Spoons
- * Fishy crackers