

Dear Fantastic First Grade Students and Families,

My name is Mrs. Stephanie Shepherd and I'm excited to be your child's first grade teacher this year. I look forward to sharing this new school year with you and our new class family. This will be my 17th year teaching, but my second year teaching at EDUPRIZE. I have a bachelor's degree from Ottawa University in Early Childhood Education and a master's degree from Grand Canyon University in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Reading. A little about myself, my husband Brennan and I have been married for 17 years and we have three children. Our oldest daughter is 29, she is married with 2 little girls. Our son Angus is 9 years old and our daughter Abbie is 7 years old, so I have a 4th and 2nd grader at EDUPRIZE. I love spending time with my family and we enjoy taking road trips to interesting places.



This is going to be a magical year full of learning and discovery. I believe in creating a nurturing and supportive learning environment where every child feels safe to take risks, make mistakes, and grow both academically and emotionally. My goal is to instill in them a love of learning that will stay with them long after they leave our classroom. Our cottages this year are: Wavelength Arcade, Plymouth Plantation, Resource Resort, and Bird House. As we take this journey together, I want to assure you that your child's well-being and happiness are always my top priorities. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to share something about your child's day. Communication is key to our partnership in supporting your child's growth and development. Please click on the following link to fill out important information about your child and help me prepare for this coming year:

[Mrs. Shepherd's Student Information Form.](#)

Please carefully read the box below for program information. I am so excited to meet you at Open House. This is a great time to say a big hello to me, pick up important papers and carpool information, and bring items from our supply list (included on the next page).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shepherd

- 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!

IMPORTANT EAGLE INFO!	
Back to School Celebration Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm Recommended Time for Our Class: 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm <i>Reminder: Please complete the Annual Update via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.</i>	
Program: Regular Schedule: 8:00 am to 2:45 pm Mon-Thu 8:00 am to 11:30 am Fridays <i>Students should be on campus, ready to line up 5 minutes prior to the start time listed above.</i>	Building # 1 Room # 09 Extension # 1090 Teacher email address: stephanie.shepherd@eduprize.com <i>You will receive information regarding carpool and where to line up at Open House.</i>
<i>The first day of school is TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025.</i> <i>All students must be on-time and present the entire day to be considered enrolled at EDUPRIZE.</i>	

Mrs. Shepherd's Student Supply List

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.

Individual 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.

☐ **Over the ear headphones**

(Please take headphones out of the package and place them in a baggie labeled with your child's name. Also please put your child's name directly on the headphones with a permanent marker.) Feel free to send in the headphones you purchased last year.

☐ **4 plastic pocket folders with prongs - please purchase the following colors: red(homework), yellow(handwriting/writing), green(math) and purple(writing portfolio).**

It is important that these folders have prongs because sheet protectors organized by me will be placed inside. (Please label the inside pocket with your child's name.)

☐ **1 wide ruled composition notebook**

☐ **Plastic (snap shut) pencil box for your child's supplies (labeled with your child's name/no larger than 5"X8")**

☐ **1 pair of kid scissors (place in your child's pencil box)**

☐ **1 - 24 crayons (place in your child's pencil box)**

No need to label the following supplies

- ☐ 1 - 18 count pre-sharpened pencils (Ticonderoga brand preferred) (keep in package)
- ☐ 2 - 4-pack/Expo Black Dry Erase Markers (fine tip) (keep in package to prevent markers from drying out)
- ☐ 1 - 6-pack Elmer's glue sticks (keep in package to prevent glue sticks from drying out)
- ☐ 25 clear sheet protectors

Optional Supplies:

- ★ 1 pack of pencil top erasers
- ★ 1 extra box of crayons
- ★ 4 pack of glue sticks
- ★ 1 box of tissues
- ★ 1 container of Clorox wipes
- ★ 1 ream of white copy paper
- ★ Paper towel roll

Wish List Items:

- ★ 10 pack of Crayola thick markers
 - ★ Black Sharpies
- ★ 5 pack of thin colored Expo markers
 - ★ Multi-colored flair pens
 - ★ Sandwich Bags
 - ★ Gallon size bags
- ★ Small Prizes for treasure box (little toys, candy)
 - ★ Plastic Water bottles
 - ★ Reward Stickers

Thank you!!!