

WELCOME TO 1ST GRADE

ALL ABOUT ME

Welcome to First Grade at EDUPRIZE. My name is Lisa Davis, and I will be your child's First-Grade AM TOPS teacher. I am so excited to have the opportunity to share this year with you and your child. I truly love teaching, and I especially love first graders.

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I graduated from ASU with a degree in Early Childhood Education in 2001. This will be my 25th year of teaching. I love being a part of the EDUPRIZE team.

I am originally from Lincoln, Nebraska but have lived in Arizona since 1989. I live in San Tan Valley with my family. I am blessed to be able to work next door to my sister, Mrs. Benton. She is the other First Grade AM TOPS teacher!

I look forward to meeting you and your family! If you have any questions or concerns about the school year, please do not hesitate to let me know. The best way to contact me is through email. My email address is lisa.davis@eduprize.com. I look forward to our partnership. Thank you in advance for all you will do to make this a wonderful school year for your child.

Sincerely,

Ms. Davis

COTTAGE

Your child will be exploring four different thematic units this year. At EDUPRIZE we call these units "cottages." Each cottage is full of hands-on learning experiences. The first grade cottages are: Wavelength Arcade, Plymouth Plantation, Resource Resort, and Birdhouse.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House is planned for Friday, July 18, 2025. Our scheduled time to meet is from 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. in room 23. You will be able to meet me, see our classroom, and drop off supplies. You will also be able to pick up your carpool tag from the gym.

Please bring your child's supplies to school with you on the day of Open House. (Our supply list is on the next page.) There will be areas for you to sort the supplies, as well as a few tasks for you to do to help your child get organized before the first day of school. Click [HERE](#) if you'd like to read over the open house agenda in advance. If you are unavailable during our scheduled time, I will be available periodically throughout the day.

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

Our first day of school is Tuesday, July 22nd. AM TOPS starts at 7:15 a.m. However, the students should be outside and in line by 7:10 a.m. Your child must be prompt and present the full first day to be considered enrolled at EDUPRIZE. The AM TOPS schedule this year is from 7:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday - Friday.

IMPORTANT

In order to save time during open house, I have made some of the required paperwork digital. Please click on the link below to fill out the questionnaire prior to open house. This online form is in addition to any of the paperwork required by the school.

[Open House Form](#)

SUPPLY LIST



Please bring the following school supplies to the Open House on Friday, July 18, 2025 between 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. This will allow me to store the supplies and have a smooth start on the first day of school. Some items will be used as a classroom set, so please do not write your child's name on the supplies, unless it is indicated.

I have added some links to Walmart for your convenience, and so you can see an example of what is needed. However, feel free to purchase your child's supplies wherever you'd like. Also, unless it is indicated, brand does not matter. Lastly, please reach out to me if you are experiencing any financial difficulties. I would love to help.

PLEASE DO LABEL THESE ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

- Unpackaged, labeled [Headphones](#) in a large Ziploc bag (Earbuds are very difficult for first graders to use, so please send in headphones only.)
- 1 regular-sized [pencil box](#) (please keep in mind that I will be taping a nametag on the top of it)
- 1 set of [Crayola Washable Watercolor Paints](#) (8 colors) paints
- 1 pointed pair of unpackaged [scissors](#)
- ½ inch, solid colored [3-ring binder](#) with inside pockets and a clear sheet on the outside to hold a cover sheet (This will be used as a Homework/Communication Book.) Please write your child's name on the inside, upper right-hand corner.

Optional Student Supplies

- 1 unpackaged [Noise Canceling Headphones](#) in a large Ziploc bag (Many first graders love to have their own pair to use during quiet work time and it helps with focus.)

PENCILBOX PREP

Please help prepare your child for the first day of school by packing their pencil box with the following items. Please sort the rest of their supplies in the labeled areas throughout the classroom for use when needed throughout the year.

- 2 sharpened pencils
- 1 white, Hi-Polymer eraser
- 1 box of crayons
- 1 pair of pointed scissors
- 1 jumbo sized glue stick



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- 2 - boxes of [Crayola Crayons 24 pack](#)
- 1 - box of [Dixon Ticonderoga sharpened pencils](#)
- 2 - [primary composition notebooks](#) with half page ruled (This just means there is space for pictures.)
- -2 packages of black, thin [Expo white board markers](#)
- 3 - containers of [antibacterial wipes](#) for cleaning desks
- 1 - package of 25 [sheet protectors](#)
- 2 - rolls of paper towels
- 2 - [jumbo sized glue sticks](#)
- 1 - box of [markers](#)
- 1 - [blue plastic pocket folder with brass fasteners](#)
- 2 - [erasers](#) (white, Hi-Polymer)
- 1 - box of [tissues](#) (any shape)

WISHLIST

- Click [HERE](#) for a link to our classroom wish list on Amazon.