

# Welcome to First Grade!

## 2025-2026

Dear Fantastic-First Grade Families,

Hello! Welcome to First Grade! My name is Carrie Evangelesta, and I am thrilled to be your child's first-grade regular day teacher. I am excited for the opportunity to partner with you and your child in facilitating their many learning adventures.

Let me share a little about myself. I am originally from Chariton, Iowa, but have resided in Arizona for the past 35 years. Our family moved to San Tan Valley almost 21 years ago, and we enjoy living here. My husband Ron and I have been married for almost 26 years. We have four children, two girls and two boys, ranging from 18-25 years old. I completed my dual Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education from Ottawa University. I am a long time EDUPRIZE parent and love teaching at EDUPRIZE! This will be my 11th year teaching first grade. I am honored to be a part of your child's educational journey.

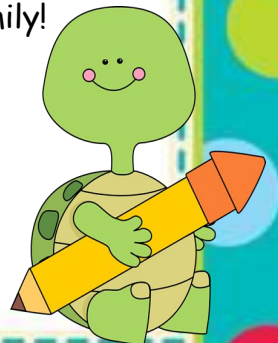
Parent volunteers are an essential part of our classroom community. You will have the opportunity to sign up to help. I offer many ways to be involved in the classroom and from home. Throughout the first two weeks, classroom volunteer opportunities will be limited so that the students and I can get to know one another.

As a teacher, I feel communication between school and home is a necessity. I will be using a weekly newsletter to keep you informed of what is going on in our classroom. It is my goal to continue to foster your child's love for learning. First grade is such an important time in your child's academic career. I believe it is my responsibility to challenge your child and equip them with the necessary tools to be successful in our classroom community. This year, we will be studying four cottages consisting of Wavelength Arcade, Plymouth Plantation, Resource Resort, and Birdhouse.

**Our Open House is on Friday, July 18, 2025, in room #17. Our scheduled time to meet is from 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.** Please bring the school supplies listed. You will have a chance to meet me and see our classroom. **Before Open House, please click on the [Open House Form](#) to fill out important information about your child.** Our first day of school is Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025. First grade regular day begins at 8:00 a.m. and students need to be in line by 7:55 a.m. **You must be on time and present on the first day to be considered enrolled at EDUPRIZE.** I will meet your child outside in line behind building 1, not in our classroom. I am excited to meet you and your family! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at: [carrie.evangelesta@eduprize.com](mailto:carrie.evangelesta@eduprize.com)

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Evangelesta*



# Mrs. Evangelesta's 1st Grade 2025-2026 Supply List

The following is a list of supplies that your child will need for the upcoming school year. Please bring the following supplies listed below to our Open House on Friday, July 18, 2025.

## Please write your child's name on the following items:

- o (1) Pointed pair of scissors
- o (1) Regular sized pencil box for personal supplies
- o (1) Box of 24 Crayola crayons
- o (1) White, Hi-Polymer eraser
- o (1) Headphones for Chromebook
- o (1) Primary composition notebooks with half page ruled (This just means there is a space for pictures.)

## Pencil Box 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.

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



Pencil Box Example

## Items that do not need to be labeled:

- o (3) Plastic folders with prongs and pockets- (1) blue (1) red (1) yellow
- o (2) Reams of white copy paper
- o (12) Glue sticks
- o (2) Packages of thin black dry erase markers
- o (1) Package of Ticonderoga #2 pencils (sharpened please)
- o (2) Rolls of paper towels
- o (1) Box of tissues
- o (1) Hand soap (girls)
- o (1) Hand sanitizer (boys)
- o (1) Lysol or Clorox wipes

## Wish List

- o Boxes of Ziploc bags (any size)
- o Colored copy paper
- o Cardstock
- o White copy paper
- o Lysol or Clorox wipes
- o Dry erase markers

