



Welcome First Graders and Parents,

My name is Mrs. Gates, and I am going to be your first grade teacher this year at EDUPRIZE. I am very excited to meet all of you and begin our first grade journey together. Let me tell you a little about myself. This will be my 16th year at EDUPRIZE. I have been married to my husband Kyle for 15 years and he is my biggest supporter. We have an 11-year-old daughter named Allie and an 8-year-old son named Brady, both of whom attend EDUPRIZE.

First grade is going to be filled with exciting adventures and new skills. We will begin this year by getting to know one another and will build a safe and comfortable community within our classroom. Not only will we learn new and exciting academic skills, but we will also be studying the following cottages: Wavelength Arcade, Plymouth Plantation, Resource Resort, and Bird House. We are going to have a fun school year together!

Open house is on Friday, July 18th, 2025, from 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. If you are unable to attend at this time, I will be available throughout the day. This is a good time to bring in your suggested supplies. If the supplies are brought in early, this will make the first day of school run smoothly. I will also be available to answer questions, give a classroom tour, and tell you the place where you will line up on the first day of school.

The first day of school is Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025. Please do not forget that you need to be here on the first day in order to hold your spot at EDUPRIZE. Our regular school day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. On Friday, our day begins at 8:00 a.m. and will end at 11:15 a.m. I will pick you up at 7:55 a.m. each morning at our designated area by the back playground. Please do not come inside on the first day to find me, because we want to establish a routine from the first day.

Parents, you are a very important part of our classroom and one of the keys to making EDUPRIZE successful. I look forward to not only meeting your child, but you as well. Together, we can make your child's first grade year a success! I look forward to meeting you!

Mrs. Gates
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Mrs. Gates' Suggested Supply List 2025-2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to First Grade! Just in case you wish to do your “Back to School” shopping early, here is a list of supplies you can contribute at Open House:

- 1- 1 inch, white 3-ring binder with plastic sleeve on the front
- 1- Composition notebook
- 3- Two pocket (no bracket) folders (red, green, yellow)
- 1- Pocket folder with brackets (blue)
- 4- Glue sticks (regular size, not large)
- 2- Packages thin black dry erase markers
- 1- Crayola Watercolor Tray
- 2- Pkg. of large pink erasers
- 1- Pkg. pencils (Ticonderoga Pencils are the best)
- 1- Bottle of Hand Sanitizer (Purell if possible)
- 1- Headphones for our online programs in the classroom ***
- (Note: Headphones are best for little ears vs. earbuds)***
- 1- Pencil Box (nothing fancy and no zippers or pouches please)
- 2- Paper towel rolls
- 1- Bottle of hand soap
- 1- Pair of Fiskars Pointed-tip Kids' Scissors
- 2- Box of Kleenex

**Optional items

-treasure box toys/ trinkets (new)



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