

A LETTER FROM My TEACHER



My name is Mrs. Russo, and I am thrilled to be your teacher this year! It's going to be a fun year full of lots of learning and new adventures. I want to know all about you, but first I'm going to tell you a little bit about myself. I have two children of my own, a baseball loving husband, and three dogs. My newest dog is a German Shorthaired Pointer named Prince. After moving to Arizona 24 years ago, I couldn't wait to start teaching! This is my 14th year teaching first grade at EDUPRIZE, and I teach the best grade of all! My hope for this year is to foster the love of learning and to help challenge your child to reach for the stars.

At EDUPRIZE, our students LOVE science and social studies. This year, you will be busy learning through hands-on activities, discovery lessons, and projects that are based on four different themes: Wavelength Arcade, Plymouth Plantation, Resource Resort, and Birdhouse.

I am so excited to be your teacher and to meet you at our Open House on Friday, July 18th, in room 23 from 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. When you come to Open House, please bring your supplies. Our first day of school is Tuesday, July 22nd. Our PM TOPS class schedule is from 10:40 a.m. - 3:40 p.m. You must be on time and present for the first day of school to be considered enrolled at EDUPRIZE. The students should be at the picnic tables next to building 1 by 10:35 a.m.

Enjoy your last days of summer vacation! In addition to the required online forms by the school, please click on the link to fill out some important information:

[OPEN HOUSE FORM](#)



Mrs. Russo's Classroom

2025 - 2026 SUPPLY LIST

Please bring the following school supplies to the Open House on Friday, July 18th. 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 below. Thank you very much for contributing to our classroom. Your support is greatly appreciated.

- 1 regular-sized pencil box. *Please write your child's name on this.*
- 1 pair of headphones (no earbuds) *Please open the package of headphones and write/label your child's name on them.* Talk to your child about the importance of taking care of these headphones all year.
- 2 - K-2 primary writing journals - half-page ruled with picture box on top of the page (MEAD brand makes these journals) - [Please click here to view](#)
- 1 pointed pair of child size scissors. *Write your child's name on these.*
- 2 - 24 pack of crayons
- 1 - ½ inch solid colored, 3 ring binder, with inside pockets and a clear sheet on the outside to insert a cover sheet. *Please write your child's name on the inside, upper right hand corner.*
- 2 solid colored, PLASTIC ONLY pocket folders WITH BRASS FASTENERS (1 green, 1 yellow) *Do NOT write your child's name on these.*
- 1 jumbo sized glue sticks
- 2 boxes of sharpened pencils preferably Ticonderoga brand
- 8 black thin/fine EXPO white board markers
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 bottle of antibacterial hand soap
- 1 package of heavy weight sheet protectors
- 4 containers of Clorox antibacterial wipes
- BOYS (1 box sandwich size Ziplock bags) GIRLS (1 box gallon size Ziplock bags)
- 1 package everyday paper plates
- BOYS (1 package of plastic spoons) GIRLS (1 package of plastic forks)

[Mrs. Russo's CLASSROOM AMAZON WISH LIST LINK](#)

