

WELCOME TO 1ST GRADE

ALL ABOUT ME

My name is Stacy Benton, and I am thrilled to be your child's first-grade teacher. I absolutely adore first graders and am so excited to have your child in my First Grade AM FLEX class!

This will be my 21st year teaching and my 14th year at EDUPRIZE. I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Arizona State University in 2005. In 2014, I completed a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Northern Arizona University.

Although I'm originally from Lincoln, Nebraska, I've lived in Arizona for the past 35 years. I currently live in San Tan Valley with my husband, Shane, and our daughter, Kennedy, who will be in first grade this year as well! My bonus daughter, Jordan and her husband Benny live in Tucson where she attends law school.

I am blessed to work right next door to my sister, Mrs. Davis, who is the other First Grade AM FLEX teacher! We've had the joy of teaching together throughout my entire career.

I can't wait to meet you and your family! If you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year, please don't hesitate to reach out. The best way to contact me is via email at stacy.benton@eduprize.com. I look forward to partnering with you to make this a fantastic school year for your child.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Benton

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 Monday, July 20, 2026. 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 tech labs.

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. 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 Wednesday, July 22nd. AM FLEX 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 FLEX 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 Monday, July 20, 2026 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 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 remove Expo markers, glue sticks, pencils, and erasers from their packaging before Open House. This helps us sort and organize materials much more quickly. Thank you!

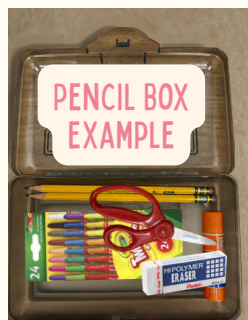
PLEASE DO LABEL THESE ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

- Unpackaged, labeled [Headphones](#) in a large Ziploc bag (Earbuds are difficult for first graders to use. Please send in headphones only.)
- 1 regular-sized [pencil box](#) (Please keep in mind that I will be taping a rectangle nametag onto the top of your child's pencil box.)
- 1 set of [Crayola Washable Watercolor Paints](#) (8 colors)
- 1 - box of [Crayola Twistable Crayons](#)
- 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.

PENCILBOX PREP

Please prepare your child's pencil box before Open House by packing the following items inside. You will sort their remaining supplies in the labeled areas for use throughout the year.

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



Please unpackage all items in your child's pencil box.

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- 1 - box of [sharpened pencils](#) (preferably Dixon Ticonderoga)
- 2 - [erasers](#) (white, Hi-Polymer)
- 1 - [glue stick](#)
- 2 - [primary composition notebooks](#) with half page ruled (This just means there is space for pictures.)
- 1 - package of black, thin [Expo white board markers](#)
- 1 - box of [tissues](#) (any shape)
- 1 - roll of paper towels
- 1 - container of [electronic wipes](#) used to wipe down Chromebooks between uses (any brand)
- 1 - bottle of [hand sanitizer](#) with pump (any size)
- 1 - box of plastic baggies (Boys [quart size](#) and Girls [gallon size](#))

WISHLIST

We are also in need of the following items:

- White Copy Paper
- Sharpie Markers (Any Color)
- Colored Copy Paper (Any Color)
- Colored Cardstock (Any Color)
- Click [HERE](#) for a link to our classroom wish list on Amazon.

