

WELCOME TO 1ST GRADE

ALL ABOUT ME

My name is Tracie Mitchell, and I am excited to be your child's first-grade teacher! I absolutely love first graders and am so excited to have your child in my First Grade PM FLEX class!

This will be my 26th year working with children. I have been a certified teacher for two decades and have done everything from running my own childcare and preschool to teaching swim lessons. This is my family's ninth year at EDUPRIZE, and I have been a substitute teacher here for the last two years. I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Arizona State University. I am also a trained children's yoga instructor. I truly love teaching and children!

I'm a native to Arizona and grew up in Mesa. I live in San Tan Valley with my husband, Sean, and our three sons, Xavier, Ryker, and Nason. We have a Pug named Stella and a Sulcata Tortoise, named Bowser, that came from EDUPRIZE!

I have a passion for health and wellness. I even have my own business to help others grow and learn. My other loves are plants, flowers, fashion, photography, food, and trying new things!

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 tracie.mitchell@eduprize.com. I look forward to partnering with you to make this a fantastic school year for your child!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mitchell

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 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. in room 24. 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 lab.

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 designated areas where you can 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. PM FLEX starts at 10:40 a.m.** However, the students should be outside and in line by 10:35 a.m. Your child must be prompt and present the full first day to be considered enrolled at EDUPRIZE. The PM FLEX schedule this year is from **10:40 a.m. to 3:40 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 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.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!

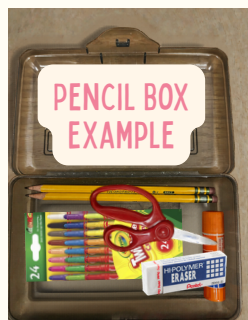
PLEASE DO LABEL THESE ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

- 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.

PENCIL BOX 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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- 2 - boxes of [sharpened pencils](#) (preferably Dixon Ticonderoga)
- 1 solid blue colored, plastic pocket folder with brass fasteners
- 2 - [erasers](#) (white, Hi-Polymer)
- 2 - jumbo glue sticks
- 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](#)
- 1 - box of [tissues](#) (any shape)
- 2 - rolls of paper towels
- 3 - containers of antibacterial wipes
- 2 - bottles 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
- Colored Copy Paper (Any Color)
- Colored Cardstock (Any Color)
- Paper Plates
- Water Bottles
- Snack Items (healthier the better)
- Treasure Box Items

