

Dear First Grade Parents,

Welcome to first grade! I want to start by saying that I am so excited about beginning a new year together! . Seeing familiar faces, and some new faces too, while we embark on this new adventure we call first grade will be truly special. I feel blessed to be able to spend this coming school year with your students.

I graduated from Indiana University Southeast in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. I have had the wonderful privilege of teaching kindergarten for three years and this is my second year teaching first grade! I live in New Albany with my husband and two children, Devin and Sydney. Through these experiences I have learned so much about the development of children and look forward to learning even more!

Here are a few things that we can look forward to in 1st Grade!

- Faith! We will leap into our faith and learn more about God and how to love those around us!
- Projects! In first grade, there will be many hands on projects that will help us further explore topics such as: faith, science, social studies, literacy and math!
- Field trips-We will take several field trips that tie into what we are learning in the classroom!

Learning does not only occur in the classroom. Learning takes place at home and many other places. It is essential that there be a united front between parents and teachers to show our students how important learning truly is! It is my goal to keep open and honest communication between home and school. My door is always open and I am available to answer any questions or concerns.

This year's theme is "Mission for God." We will be celebrating God and recognizing students when they show God's love to others, "Mission Accomplished". I am so excited to begin our adventure together!

With a warm welcome,
Mrs. Shoffner ☺

