



# Welcome to First Grade

2020-2021

# Introduction:

It is our pleasure to welcome you and your child to First Grade. You will be amazed at how much your child will grow this year. This year will be full of new learning experiences and discoveries. We will build on past successes and learn many new things. You will watch your child grow into a reader and writer. You will see changes in your child's thinking, as he/she becomes familiar with abstract concepts and symbols. With our common focus on respect, responsibility, and pride your child will have endless opportunities to flourish as they learn, laugh and grow together.

# Supply List

Due to COVID-19, first grade teachers are asking that **in addition to a backpack and PE sneakers**, all students come with their own personal pencil box stocked with:

- Thick markers
- Crayons
- Kid's scissors
- At least 5 pencils and an eraser
- 2 dry erase markers and eraser
- 4 glue sticks
- 2 wide-rule composition notebooks
- Personal hand sanitizer
- Labeled bag of spare clothes

These items will *not* be shared with others and you may be asked to restock your child's materials if they get low.

## Field Trips

(subject to change):

EcoTarium

Hyde Center

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## **Classroom Teachers:**

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# CURRICULUM

## **SCIENCE:**

- Waves: Light and Sound
- Structure, Function, and Information Processing
- Space Systems: Patterns and Cycles
- Engineering Design

## **SOCIAL STUDIES:**

Family as a context to expand knowledge of civics, economics, geography and history. Including comparisons to families in other regions, states or countries.

# CURRICULUM

## English Language Arts

- Building a Community of Readers
- Elements of Fiction
- Understanding Stories
- Elements of Nonfiction
- Reading for Information
- Understanding Characters In and Across Text
- Meaningful Messages
- Understanding Text Through Connections

# CURRICULUM

## Math

- Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction
- Understand and apply properties of operations and the relationship between addition and subtraction
- Add and subtract within 20
- Work with addition and subtraction equations
- Extending the counting sequence
- Understand place value
- Use place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract
- Measure lengths indirectly and by iterating length units
- Tell and write time
- Represent and interpret data
- Reason with shapes and their attributes