

Dear Parents,

Welcome to first grade! I am so excited to start this new school year with you! This will be my sixth year teaching. I graduated from the University of Arkansas in 2015 with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education (P-4). In 2016, I graduated with my Master's Degree of Arts in Teaching. After graduate school, I moved to Dallas where I taught 1<sup>st</sup> grade for four years. My husband, Michael, and I recently got married and moved back to Little Rock which serves as home for both of us. We're so happy to be back!

This school year, we will be using Schoology in the event we are absent due to inclement weather or quarantining. We will also incorporate Schoology in the classroom, to ensure all students are familiar with the learning platform. All classroom information, such as newsletters and resources, will also be available on Schoology.

Our first grade class will have a virtual parent orientation over Zoom, after school, during the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup>. I will be sending out more information soon!

First grade is such a fun year of developing a love for reading, becoming a fluent mathematician, learning about the world around us, and expanding our knowledge of science and technology. I am thrilled to begin this journey with you and your child!

Sincerely,

*Sarah Drake*

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