



First Grade Website [1st Grade / Welcome to First Grade!](#)

We are excited for the new school year to begin and look forward to getting to know each of our students. This is going to be a delightful year in your child's education. Together we can help your child learn and grow and of course have some fun along the way! Here are some tips to a successful school year together.

Arrival

- School starts at 8:45AM with drop off beginning at 8:30AM. There is no campus supervision before this time.
- Upon arrival, students will need to enter through the arrival gate for grades 1st- 8th and go directly to their first grade classroom. Students will not be able to go on the playground or the center circle for safety concerns.

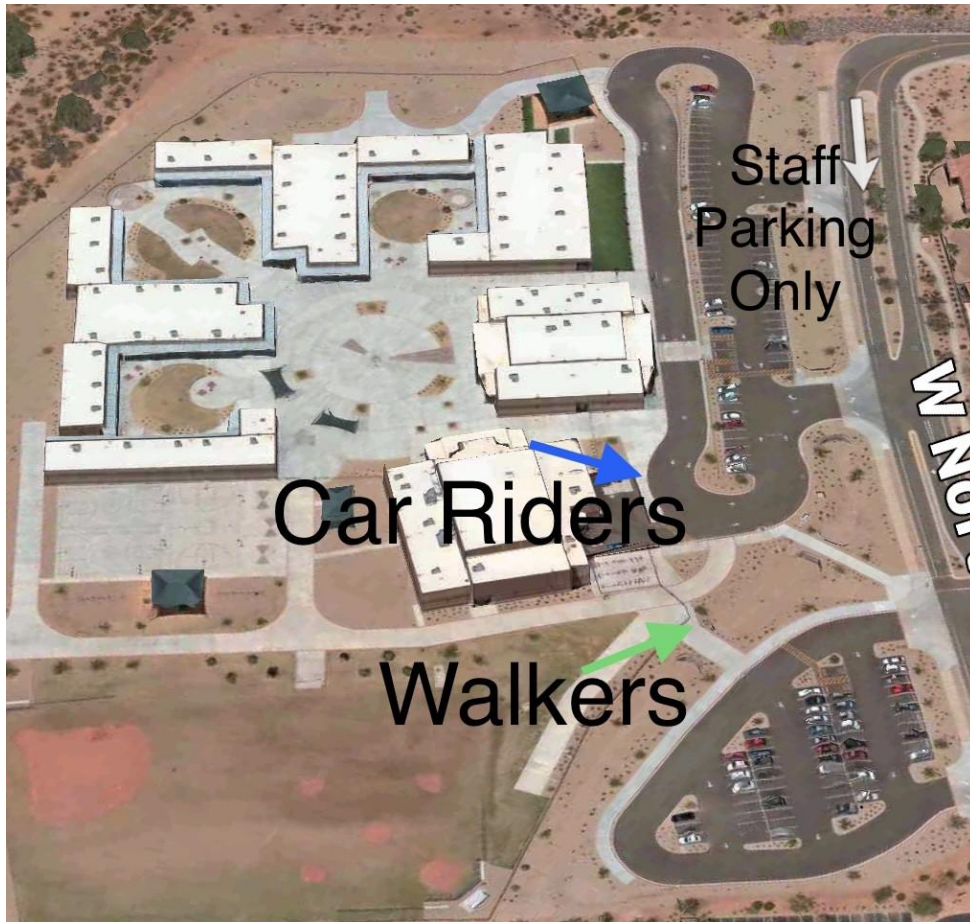
Dismissal

- Dismissal is 3:30PM.
- Car line parent pick up will be at the front of the school for grades 1st- 8th. First graders will be waiting on the blue Bobcat paws.
- Walkers and bus riders will be dismissed at the bus gates.
- Teachers (including specials' teachers) will accompany students as needed at dismissal. First grade has specials at the end of the day. Therefore, once routines have been

established, special area teachers will be assisting with dismissal.

- If your child's method of transportation changes, please let us know right away by email or call the front office after 2:30PM.

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Bus Riders

If your child rides the school bus, they will need to know their bus number and bus stop before the first day of school.

- Please practice going on the bus route with your child so they are familiar with their designated route and are familiar with

their bus stop. This is very important for the safety of your child because the bus makes several stops!

- Please go to the district transportation web page below to find out your child's bus number and bus stop before school begins by clicking below or calling the school office at 623-445-8400.
- DVUSD Bus Route and Number Finder: [Click Here](#)

School Supplies

Pre-ordered supplies will be delivered directly to our classrooms. All other supplies can be brought to the classroom during Meet the Teacher Night. Here is the link to our supply list:

[School Supply Lists](#)



Behavioral Expectations

Working together is essential in our classroom environment. As a parent, you are part of our team too. We cannot accomplish success and achievement on our own. Each day, students must come prepared to participate in our learning environment. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

Classroom Management Color Clip Chart

Students will be responsible for their own choices in school. The goal is for students to self motivate on the color chart. Students clip up for going above and beyond. If a student clips down, they

will have the opportunity to move up to correct their behavior in most cases. Each student will color what behavior color he or she ended the day on. Please check and initial your child's STAR folder each day to celebrate their success!

Rewards

- Verbal praise.
- Student choice time.
- Move up to purple status.
- Good note home.
- Visit to the treasure box.

Power School is DVUSD's student information system for student class schedules, attendance, and grades.

To ensure you receive all school-wide communication emails and for access to your child's grades, please make sure your email and phone number(s) are current with the office.



Please call the front office at 623-445-8400 or email our registrar Olga Wagner at Olga.Wagner@dvusd.org for your first time access as teachers do not have initial login information.

- [DVUSD Power School Website](#)
- [Creating a Parent Account](#)
- [Power School Login Page](#)

Classroom Communication

Please note that email is the easiest and quickest way to contact us. You may also leave a voicemail message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please schedule specific times to meet with us, as we need time to communicate effectively. We often have professional duties directly before and after school hours. Please understand that we will not be able to meet or discuss issues while we are teaching or supervising students.

Smores Weekly Digital Newsletter/Homework

Families will receive weekly digital newsletters with first grade news and homework instructions.



Daily Star Folders

STAR folders will be used as a communication tool between school and home daily. It will hold classwork, homework and important notices. Each student will color what behavior color he or she ended the day on. Please check and initial each calendar day. Feel free to write a note in your child's STAR folder as we will be checking it daily during our morning routine.

Homework

Homework will begin once classroom routines have been established. Homework directions will be posted in our weekly digital newsletters.

Reading Homework - Reading practice at home is essential for your child's reading progress in first grade.

- Sight Words: Please have your child practice reading their weekly sight words that are sent home.
- Daily Reading: Students will need to read up to 15 minutes to an adult each night. Students can read the paper phonics story that is sent home for their daily reading.

It's a good idea to take turns while reading. Reading is an excellent time for parents to spend time with their children. Sometimes you read to your child to model fluency, and other times your child needs to read to you to build fluency.

Math Homework

- Students will need to complete at least two pages of math per week. Every day is optional.
- Math homework sheets will be sent home daily except on testing days.
- Math homework can be turned in daily or on Fridays.
- DVUSD Parent Math Resource for Parents:
<https://www.dvUSD.org/Page/39515>

Weekly Sight Words

Please have your child practice the sight words listed on our reading newsletter. Students will be assessed after each reading unit. Students can cut the words into flashcards. Students should work on five words at a time. Gradually add a word as your child masters sight words already introduced. Review sight words already taught with your child to ensure reading success!

Snacks, Classroom Treats, and Water Bottles

Students need to bring a healthy snack for our snack break. Please place it in the front pocket of their backpack, so it is separated from their lunch. If you pack it in their lunch, most likely they will eat it during lunch. Trust us it happens! Please also have your child bring a refillable water bottle with his or her name on it. If your child has food allergies please let us know right away.



Birthdays

Students may bring in store bought birthday treats and napkins. Treats such as cookies, rice krispie treats, fruit snacks, brownie bites, or mini cupcakes are perfect. Less mess is best! No large cakes please. Students can also bring in other things to share such as a donated classroom book, stickers, pencils, erasers, book marks, etc... Those students with a summer birthday will be able to bring in items when they are Bobcat of the Week. Please send birthday items in the morning with your child and the birthday girl

or boy will hand them out at the very end of the day. Please avoid dropping off birthday items at the office to avoid interruptions in our classroom and in the office.

Birthday Invitations

Students may pass out invitations if the entire class is invited or all boys/girls. No exceptions! Please use our classroom roster to individually contact other families. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bobcat of the Week

Every student will be chosen as “Bobcat of the Week” at some point during the school year. Your child’s special week will be as close to the week of their birthday as possible. Directions will be sent home along with a scrapbook to be completed before your child’s week. Students will also be able to share one special item each day of their week.



***Optional Extra Change of Clothes** Please pack an extra change of clothes in a sealed bag inside your child’s backpack just in case there is ever an accident that requires your child to change. Thank you.

Classroom Volunteers

Deer Valley Unified School District requires all school volunteers and field trip chaperones to take the DVUSD volunteer training course offered throughout the year. For new volunteers to DVUSD,

please refer to the volunteer training dates and locations here: <https://www.dvUSD.org/Domain/5182> . You may go to any DVUSD training location to complete the training. If you have taken this training in previous years, you are all set.

We are fortunate to have a tremendous parental support base at our school. Our classroom volunteer program will begin once classroom routines have been established. Please complete the "Volunteer Helpers Wanted" sheet if you are interested. Monthly volunteer calendars will be sent home. In some cases, the days requested overlap. We will try to accommodate everyone's schedule requests. Some requests to come weekly will not be met due to the volume of parent responses and class availability.

Field Trips

We plan to go on at least two field trips during the school year. Field trips will cost a small amount depending upon transportation costs and entry fees to the venue. All DVUSD field trip chaperones will be required to ride the school bus to and from the destination. A volunteer lottery system will take place if more volunteers apply than needed. Field trip chaperones will need to have already completed the DVUSD volunteer training prior.

