

WELCOME

to

Ms. Shade's First Grade Class



Parent Handbook
Sunrise Elementary
2023-2024

Welcome to the First Grade!

My name is Kelsey Shade, and I'm extremely excited to be your teacher. In my spare time, you can find me spending time with family and friends, working out, hiking, shopping, traveling, coaching/playing softball, attending sports games, finding new eats, or catching a movie at Harkins.

I graduated from Northern Arizona University, with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Special Education, and also earned an endorsement in Structured English Immersion. I began my teaching career in 2012. This is my eleventh year in education.

As a teacher, I recognize my responsibility to my classroom. I will focus not only on the curriculum but give my students the skills it takes to succeed in life. I want to relate to my students, teach them in a way they understand, and I will create a family-like environment. I accept my role as a teacher and also pledge my dedication to my students.

In this handbook, you will find all the information you need about our classroom, but please keep in mind if you have any questions, I am always here to help. You can contact me by calling the school 602-467-5900, by sending an email to Kelsey.shade@dvusd.org, or you can send me a message on ClassDojo.

Welcome to 1st grade at Sunrise Elementary School, let's work together to make this the best year ever!

Sincerely,
Ms. Shade ☺

1st Grade Class Schedule

8:00-8:15	Breakfast
8:15-8:25	Morning Work
8:25-8:45	Reading
8:45-9:15	Small Group
9:15-9:30	Recess
10:00-10:35	Writing
10:35-11:00	MTSS Tier II
11:00-11:30	Science/Social Studies
11:30-12:15	Recess and Lunch
12:15-1:30	Math
1:30-2:15	Specials
2:15-2:20	Finish Math
2:20-2:53	Science/Social Studies
2:53	Dismissal

Friday Early Release Schedule

8:00-8:15	Breakfast
8:15- 9:15	ELA
9:15-9:45	ELA Tier 1/Tier 3
9:45-10:05	Writing
10:05-10:25	S.E.L.
10:25-10:45	Science/Social Studies
10:45-11:15	Specials
11:15-12:15	Math
12:15-1:00	Recess and Lunch
1:00-1:30	Science/Social Studies
1:30	Dismissal

SOME TOPICS YOUR CHILD WILL BE STUDYING THIS YEAR:

Reading:

- character & setting
- sight words
- reading fluency
- main idea & details
- plot & theme
- cause & effect
- author's purpose
- compare & contrast
- story sequencing
- story summary

Writing:

- handwriting
- sentence writing
- narrative writing
- research writing
- opinion writing

Math:

- add & subtract fluently to 20
- introduce place value (tens and ones)
- compare length measurements
- identify & divide shapes
- introduce money & time
- introduce addition & subtraction to 100

Science and Social Studies:

- light and sound
- balance and motion
- animal habitats & life cycles
- plants & rocks
- rights & responsibilities
- national symbols & presidents
- ancient civilizations
- famous inventors

Homework

In order for your child to be the most successful this year, the learning should not stop when he or she comes home. For homework, please have an adult or older sibling read with your child at least 20 minutes each night. This could be library books, books at home, or copies of decodable books I send home. Every time your child reads a book, add the book and minutes read to the reading log in your student's homework folder.

The reading log must be filled out by an adult in order for your child to earn points in class. Please keep reading logs in your student's homework folder so they can be checked each day. The reading log will be collected each month and replaced for the new month.

Reading practice is the most important activity you can do with your child at this age, so please take the time to read with your child every day!

As the year progresses, there may be changes to the homework policy. Information will be sent out and shared with you when changes are made. If you have any questions about the first grade homework policy, please let me know. I am happy to help!

Thank you so much for your support at home! It truly makes the difference!

The First Grade Team 😊

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A" reads **20 minutes** each day
3600 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B" reads **5 minutes** each day
900 minutes in a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C" reads **1 minute** each day
180 minutes in a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade, Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

¿Por Qué No Puedo Saltar Mis 20 Minutos de Lectura Diaria?

Alumno "A" lee
20 minutos
cada día
3600 minutos en un
año escolar

1,800,000 palabras



90 percentil

Alumno "B" lee **5**
minutos
cada día
900 minutos en un año
escolar

282,000 palabras



50 percentil

Alumno "C" lee
1 minuto
cada día
180 minutos en un año
escolar

8,000 palabras



10 percentil

Para el final del 6° grado, el Alumno "A" habrá leído el equivalente de 60 días completos de clases. El alumno "B" habrá leído únicamente 12 días de clases. ¿Cuál alumno crees que tendrá un mejor vocabulario? ¿Cuál alumno crees que tendrá más logros en la escuela...y en la vida?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Supplies

Sunrise is a Title 1 school which means that we provide all the needed supplies for students to be successful in the classroom.

Please **DO NOT** send your student to school with pencil boxes. I have created individual pencil boxes for the classroom. If you are interested in donating supplies to our classroom, here are some much needed classroom supplies:

- Clorox sanitizing wipes
- Kleenex
- Glue sticks
- Dry erase markers
- Sharpie markers
- Quart or gallon sized Ziploc bags

Thank you again for all the wonderful classroom donations!

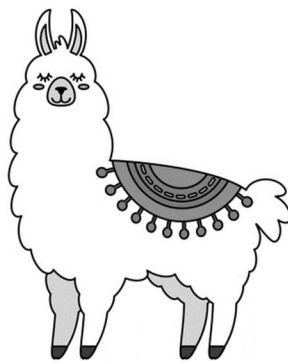
Beginning of the Year Checklist

Please complete by Friday, August 4th ☺

- Read the Parent Handbook and fill out the 1st Grade Student Contract
- Fill out the Student Information Sheet
- Read the ClassDojo letter and join ClassDojo online to keep up with your student
- Be sure to complete all online forms through PowerSchool
 - *Contact the office if you do not have a PowerSchool login.
- Return these completed forms to school in your child's folder

1st Grade Student Contract 2023-2024

1. I will follow both classroom and school rules.
2. I will be kind and respectful to others.
3. I will always try my best.
4. I will ask for help if I need it.
5. I will bring my Homework folder to school every day.
6. I have read and understood the First Grade Handbook.



Student Signature

Parent Signature

Class Dojo



Dear Families,

This year, our school will be using a web-based program called Class Dojo to help track students' behavior. It is an excellent communication tool to help keep parents updated about their child's behavior.

In Class Dojo, students can earn points for positive behaviors such as being on task, following directions, or helping others. Students will not lose points for this year.

Once you have joined our class, you will be able to check your child's progress anytime. Parents have loved having instant access to how their child is doing. My hope is that this will bring us closer together and help you better understand the progress of your student on a daily basis.

I know you will be proud to see the great behaviors your student is displaying, and in turn, if there is something they need to work on, you will be able to see that as well. There is also a messaging feature where you can send a message directly to me or I can share information directly with you.

I've attached your invitation letter with directions about how to join. This will be important for quick reminders and updates. I look forward to having you join our class! Thank you! I am looking forward to this year together!

Sincerely,
Ms. Shade
1st Grade