



Dear First Grade Parents,

Welcome to First Grade at Mountain Oak! I am excited to introduce myself as your child's new teacher. I recently returned to the states from teaching 1st-6th grade English in Panama, and I am delighted to be joining this wonderful new community.

First grade will be a year of joyful learning, setting the foundation for later years. I will be introducing lively, rhythmic activities into your child's daily life as a way to get the circulation going and bring the children together as a group. The curriculum will begin with a pictorial introduction to the alphabet and the corresponding sounds, and move into writing and reading. We will also bring into play a multi-sensory number exploration, which will work to inspire the learning of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. The science curriculum will be formed through outdoor exploration and nature stories with the intention to create a sense of awe and wonder in your child. Daily activities will include: drawing, painting, singing, movement, and story telling. This will be a joyous, growth filled year for the children!

Below is a list of supplies that your children will need to bring to school on the first day. Please label all personal items clearly with your child's name. When shopping for school clothes, keep in mind the clothing policy in the parent handbook.

I look forward to meeting you and I aspire to cultivating sincere, heartwarming relationships with you and your child.

Warmly,

Melissa Pollum



First Grade Supply List 2012-2013

Please label all personal supplies clearly with your child's name

Painting shirt

Reusable water bottle

Small pillow and small blanket for resting

One small backpack without wheels or images for nature walks and carrying things to and from school (small enough to store in a cubby)

Scissors

Glue

2 Glue sticks

One roll of masking tape and one roll of scotch tape

Pencil box - no images please

Pencil sharpener

2 Sponges (without scrubbing part)

4 small baby food jars with lids

Box of Band-Aids

2 boxes of facial tissues

1 ream of recycled white computer paper

1 ream of recycled colored computer paper

1 bottle of Dr. Bronner's liquid soap