

FIRST GRADE

September 2026 Newsletter

WELCOME TO 1ST GRADE

The first graders are off to a great start to the school year!

We are learning about each other and forming relationships. We have been hard at work learning classroom routines and becoming confident learners.

We are really looking forward to all of the great learning coming up in the year ahead!

BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

Please make sure to complete and return forms for the front office as soon as possible.

Forms are due by September 11th.

IN THIS NEWSLETTER

In this newsletter, you will find:

- a calendar of important 1st grade dates
- overviews for the month on the academics we are learning
- the first grade daily schedule
- links to important websites
- getting to know the first grade teachers

FIRST GRADE SCHEDULE

9:15 - 9:25	Arrival
9:30 - 9:45	Morning Meeting
9:45 - 11:05	Math
11:05 - 11:30	What I Need W.I.N.
11:35 - 12:45	Recess: 11:35 - 12:10 Lunch: 12:10 - 12:45
12:50 - 1:10	Social Studies Science
1:10 - 2:10	ELA
2:10 - 2:55	Specials
3:00 - 3:45	ELA
3:50	Dismissal

MRS. BLACKWOOD MS. CHALMERS MS. COLLINS MRS. SMITH



SEPTEMBER

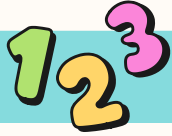
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
If there is a * next to an item, that is one of our first grade assessments.		1 *Math mClass Assessment -PTA Board Mtg 7:00-8:00	2 *Reading DIBELS Assessment (1 on 1)	3 *Reading DIBELS Assessment (1 on 1)	4 *Reading DIBELS Assessment (1 on 1)	5
6	7 Labor Day - No School	8 *Reading DIBELS Assessment (1 on 1)	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Back to School Night 6:30-8:00	18 Early Dismissal at 1:20 p.m.	19 PTA Spirit Night at OneKick Martial Arts 5:00 p.m.
20	21 No School	22	23	24	25 PTA Back to School Blast 5:00-7:00	26
27	28	29	30 *Math District Assessment			

Reminders:

We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night for important information as well as the Back to School Blast!

What Are We Learning?

MATH



This month, students will be working on Unit 1 of Desmos Math. We focus on adding, subtracting, and working with data. Students will organize and represent data using tally marks and graphs, practice adding and subtracting within 10 using manipulatives to build fluency, and write math equations.

SOCIAL STUDIES



This month, students will identify rules, rights, and responsibilities at home, at school, and in their neighborhood. We will identify and describe people important to the American Political System.

SKILLS



In skills, students are currently reviewing kindergarten concepts, such as handwriting and sounds. For writing and grammar, students will work on including capitalization and punctuation in sentences and understanding nouns. Later in the skills unit, we will start to read decodable stories based on the skills we have reviewed.

KNOWLEDGE



In knowledge, students are currently listening to Fables and Stories. We have a read aloud each day where we discuss the different fiction concepts (title, plot, characters, setting, lesson) and important vocabulary.

IDEAS FOR LEARNING AT HOME

1. Read every day 10-15 minutes.
2. Treat your child as though they're an author. Encourage them to write and draw things they are interested in.
3. Make math part of everyday life. Look for numbers and patterns around the house and outside.
4. Help continue to practice tying shoes.
5. Help practice having respectful conversations where they are actively listening and responding.



First Grade Info.

IMPORTANT LINKS

[Attendance Reporting Form](#)

It is important that each student is at school every day as just a few absences can impact learning, but we understand illnesses and other things may arise.

Please use this form to let us know about student absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals. You may also email the front office and your child's teacher.

[Breakfast and Lunch Menus](#)

[Dr. REMES School Website](#)

[Dr. REMES PTA Website](#)

MEET THE FIRST GRADE TEACHERS



Mrs. Blackwood

I'm **Lisa Blackwood**. I am in my 23rd year of teaching! I have been married for 23 years to my husband Chris. I have a son who is married and in the Navy, stationed in San Diego with his wife and my Granddaughter. My daughter will be a junior at UMD. I look forward to working with all of my families and students this year!



Ms. Chalmers

Hello, I'm **Wendy Chalmers**. My dad was in the Navy so I moved about every 3 years and was "the new girl" often. I've been teaching for 30 years in kindergarten, first and second grades. I love teaching and learning. Lena (23) and Johnny (20) are my wonderful "children". Cosmo is my fun dog.



Ms. Collins

Hello and welcome to first grade! My name is **Christine Collins** and I am so excited that you are here! This is my 11th year teaching at Dr. REMES. I love to read, travel, and spend time with my family and friends. My favorite color is purple and my favorite place to travel to is Universal Studios. I'm looking forward to a fantastic school year with you all!



Mrs. Smith

Hi I'm **Cait Smith**! This is my 11th year teaching. I have my master's in Early Childhood Education, and my favorite grades to teach are 1st and Kindergarten. I love music and singing and we do a lot of singing in my classroom. Outside of school, I love to spend time with my daughter, who is 4, and my son who is 7, as well as our dog and our 2 cats!