

Virtual OPEN HOUSE

**Welcome to 1st grade
Brainiacs!**



Meet the TEACHER

ABOUT ME!

I have been teaching for 8 years. This is my 5th year teaching 1st grade, and it is my favorite! I

love making sure students have a great foundation by providing an engaging classroom environment where learning is fun and exciting!

Let's have a fantastic year!

Hometown: Augusta, GA

Education: Master's in Elementary Education, Ball State University



FAVORITE THINGS:

Food: Popeyes, Mexican and Thai

Colors: Orange, Yellow, and Gray

Hobbies: Going to concerts and traveling

Fun Fact: All 9 of my kids have attended Monte Sano!

ATTENDANCE



School attendance is one of the most important parts of student success!

Please ensure that your student attends daily, as we have so much to learn in the 1st grade. Please send a note when your student returns from an absence so that I can turn it into the office. The school will accept and count 5 days of parent notes. All other notes should come from the doctor/dentist. Please avoid scheduling appointments on Fridays as this is the day we reserve for assessment.

Tardies

Please keep in mind that 10 tardies=1 absence. School opens at 7:00 for breakfast and the bell rings at 7:30. We begin important phonics instruction at this time. Please make it a priority to make sure your student arrives on time so that they don't miss out on this important time.

Thank you so much for your support!!



Student SUPPLIES

First Grade Supply List

These items will need to be replenished throughout the year.

- 12 Pencils; preferably Ticonderoga
- Crayons 24 pack
- (2) Three ring folders
- (1) Wide ruled notebook paper
- (1) Mixed colors construction paper
- Pink block erasers
- 1 box facial tissue
- 1 pack of skinny dry erase markers
- 5 glue sticks
- 1 white glue bottle
- 2 wide ruled composition books
- Pack of highlighters 5 colors
- 1 pair of kids scissors
- 1 box of gallon Ziploc bags
- 1 box quart Ziploc bags
- (Over the head) headphones for computer use

TRANSPORTATION

Car Riders:

Please ensure that you arrive on time to pick your students up in the car rider line. The car rider door closes promptly at 2:30pm. Please arrive early, as the car line is long. Please remain in the car and have your tag displayed in your car so we can get you through the line smoothly.

Bus Riders:

Please be at the bus stop waiting on your student to avoid the bus bringing your student back to the school. Sign up for the StopFinder app on the RCBOE website to track your student's bus:

<https://www.rcboe.org/Page/38851>

Transportation Phone #: 706-796-4777

All transportation changes must be in writing for student's safety. Call the front office for any questions or concerns.



HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Please ensure that your student has an up-to-date health card and that all allergy or medication information is shared with the nurse. If your student gets sick or hurt during the school day, they will be sent to the nurse. Teachers are not allowed to make decisions about students being sent home.

In case of a minor bathroom accident, please pack a change of clothes, socks, and underwear.

Updating your Infinite Campus Parent Portal with all the correct contacts and phone numbers is *tremendously important*. Thank you for your support in this.



BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Students will have a daily take-home folder that will need to be checked when they get home. Please be on the lookout for important documents, homework, signed papers, and student work. Most importantly, their daily behavior chart will need to be initialed every day. It is important that the student knows that you and I are working as a team to ensure that they are on their best behavior daily, and reviewing and signing this document helps so much with this. Checking their Class Dojo profile will also provide a lot of insight on their daily behavior.



Brainiac Behavior

Please initial DAILY and keep in folder.

Smart Cookie Rules				
1. Follow direction quickly. a) Classroom d) Specials b) Cafeteria e) At Recess c) Before/After School f) Hallway		2. Raise your hand for permission to speak. a) Talking without permission b) Interrupting the teacher c) Excessive Talking		
3. Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat/area. a) Getting up without permission b) Not sitting properly c) Not lining up correctly (straight and quiet) d) Not in correct center				
4. Make Smart Choices. a) Did not complete classwork/off task b) Did not complete homework c) Making noise/interrupting class d) Unkind words e) Hitting/pushing/inappropriate touching		5. Great H.O.R.N.E.T. behavior! a) Honest b) Organized c) Responsible d) Neighborly e) Engaged f) Thinker		
August 2025				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Day of School 4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
Date:	Parent Communication			




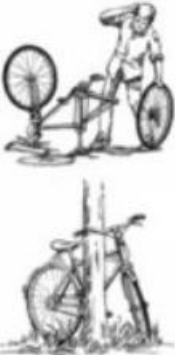


OUR LEARNING

Please visit my website to learn about 1st grade standards. Our weekly newsletter will also contain what students are learning for the week in each subject.

<https://www.rcboe.org/Page/72164>

GRADING

1st grade has a Standards-Based Grading system. Here is a chart to assist in understanding the process.

<p>4 Advanced Understanding of the Standard</p>	<p>You add your own ideas, perspective, and style into what you do. You are confident and are reaching for the next level of proficiency.</p>	
<p>3 Meets the Standard</p>	<p>You consistently meet the target proficiency level, and you are ready to move on.</p>	
<p>2 Approaches the Standard</p>	<p>You can meet the target proficiency level in familiar tasks and situations. You know what to do to meet the target proficiency level, but you need extra help.</p>	 
<p>1 Does not Meet the Standard</p>	<p>You know what the target proficiency level is, but you are confused and probably frustrated. You need some help to get started. You miss opportunities to demonstrate what you can do because you are often distracted, not participating, or absent.</p>	 

*N/A= The standard was not taught during this period

*N/D= The student is performing significantly below grade-level



HOMework

EXAMPLE

Homework will be a combination of a spiral review of all concept's students need to know in Math by the end of 1st grade and Reading Fluency. We will begin homework on the 2nd week of school. It will be due on each Friday. If you feel that your student's homework is too challenging, do not hesitate to reach out.

REMINDERS

If you are interested, we are always looking for awesome Volunteers!!!
There are a few things that you must do to become a volunteer, so be on the lookout for more information.

We have Fun Friday every week to celebrate our student's success!
Please feel free to send in snacks, drinks, ice cream products or small toys, pencils, or stickers for the treasure box. We do have peanut allergies in our classroom.

COMMUNICATION



Per instructions from administration, we are not allowed to give out our personal phone numbers. Therefore, it is critical that you sign up for Class Dojo immediately! Please also contact the front office for any questions, concerns, or emergencies. I am able to call from the school phone during my planning time and after school.

Email: bensoli@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us

School Phone Number: 706-481-1813 / (fax) 706-481-1814

To sign up for Class Dojo, please visit my website:

<https://www.rcboe.org/Page/78944>