

WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE

Dear 1R Families,

August 2023

Welcome to first grade. My name is Emily Redburn and I will be your child's first grade teacher this year. This is my 14th year teaching first grade at Heath and I can't imagine teaching anywhere else! I am looking forward to a successful year of learning and growing together. This year will be full of new experiences for your child: new friends, new challenges, and new teachers!

First grade is a pivotal year for your child's social and academic development in which your child will grow as a reader, writer, mathematician, and critical thinker. First graders will write across a variety of genres and learn different strategies for solving new words in reading. Students will begin to grasp more abstract mathematical concepts and will also become more responsible and self-reliant as they become more independent. It will be a wonderful year as you see some of these changes seem to click overnight!

As we begin a new year together, I am very excited to be working in partnership with you in order to help your child achieve and succeed as much as possible. In order for me to do the best job I can of nurturing, as well as educating your child, I would appreciate if you could complete a short, online questionnaire. The form can be found online at: <https://forms.gle/Ytdg51jmD2VF6B2U9> (also available as a link from the class website). The information on the questionnaire is extremely valuable and I thank you for taking the time to complete it. In addition to the questionnaire, I would also like to invite you to sign up for an **optional** [Listening Conference](#) (via Zoom) as a means for you to share any important information about your child, your family, your culture, and/or anything you think would be helpful for me to know prior to the beginning of the year.

As school nears, I would like to invite you into 1R in order to get a sneak peek of our classroom. The tentative date and time is Thursday, August 31st from 2:00–2:30. If the time changes due to any pre-school meetings, I will notify you by email. I can't wait to meet each of you (or see you again for familiar faces). If you are unable to come to the sneak peek, I look forward to seeing you when school begins! You should also feel free to email me if you have any questions before school starts.

Sincerely,

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