

Welcome to First Grade

June 11, 2021

Dear First Grader,



I am thrilled that you will be in my class this year! We are going to learn so many new and exciting things together. I am looking forward to learning and growing along with you.

I am very passionate about teaching all subjects and can't wait to share my excitement for learning new and interesting topics with you. I also enjoy using technology in meaningful ways to make learning interactive and fun.

I think it is very important to work together as a classroom family. We will be spending a lot of time together so it is important to treat each other with respect, kindness, and compassion. I know that each of you have a different brain, which means you think and learn differently. It is my job as your teacher to help you grow as a learner and as a person of good character.

Want to know a little about me? When I'm not grading papers or planning lessons, you can find me outdoors with my son George and dog Skye. Inspired by the natural beauty and diversity of Vermont, my husband and I moved here after I graduated from college. I enjoy backpacking, kayaking, sailing, snowboarding, and traveling. I also love to bake sweet goodies and to get lost in a good book, especially those about history.

For the first day of school, please a snack and a picture of you doing your favorite summer activity or with your family. I have several fun activities planned just for you. I hope you have a wonderful rest of your summer and I look forward to meeting you.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at atwaterj@hartfordschools.net. In addition, you can keep up-to-date with what is going on at Dothan Brook Elementary School and in 1st grade by visiting our classroom website at <https://sites.google.com/hartfordschools.net/dbsfirstgrade/home>.

Your first grade teacher,
Mrs. Atwater