

Welcome to 1st Grade!

Dear Parents,

My name is Liz Walsh and I have been teaching elementary aged children for 19 years. My entire career has been here at Gill Elementary! Over these 19th years, I have had the pleasure of working with Kindergarten, second grade, fourth grade, and first grade. I received my undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University as well as my Masters degree in Reading.



I have been married for 18 years and have 2 children, ages 8 and 12, who keep us very busy with dance classes, baseball, and hockey. Both of our children love the outdoors and traveling to Disney World regularly! Although we try to plan other travel excursions, we always end up at Disney!



Music has always filled the presence of our home. We love to cook to music, clean to music and "jam" to music in our car! Love, love, love music! Therefore, music is a huge part of my daily teaching. Making up songs for directions, reminders, and often positive reinforcement for my students is something that I incorporate every day! So, don't be surprised if your child comes home singing

some silly lyrics to an invented tune 😊!



I truly believe that first grade is an amazing year where children experience a great deal of growth, both educationally and socially. I am so excited to see where the year will take us!

I strongly believe that a team effort is extremely important in education. I am looking forward to meeting and working with each one of you to build a partnership that will benefit your child. Parent volunteers are always welcome. Some useful jobs include photocopying, preparing materials for projects, compiling book orders and extra assistance for students with math, writing, reading or computer. I also enjoy having guest readers, and those who would like to share information about a career or a special hobby.



IMPORTANT CLASS INFORMATION

***Snack:** Each day we will have a healthy snack break. Please be sure to review the note sent home in the beginning of the year regarding snack. We have some food allergies in our class this year. Thank you so much for your cooperation and consideration in this very important health issue.



***Notes:** You must send a note with your child if there is any change at all from their regular routine of going home, or if they are going home with an adult not listed on their emergency card. If a note is not received, we must send your child home using their regular daily route.

***Gym:** Please send in shoes with that your child is able to keep at school. Label each shoe with their name in permanent marker. Velcro shoes work best for fast change 😊.



***Lunch:** Students have the option of bringing or buying lunch. Menus are available online or you can request a paper copy from the front office.

***School pin for lunch:** Please review your child's lunch pin number! It will help the lunch line go faster and therefore leave more time for the children to enjoy their lunch.

***REMINDER! SCHOOL BREAKFAST!**

Please remember to have a conversation with your child about the breakfast that will be offered each day. To avoid tears for the kids and frustration on your part, discuss with your child whether or not they are to take part in the breakfast each morning. Know that they will be offered breakfast each day and can choose to partake or decline. If your child would like breakfast, your account will be charged \$1.25 per day that your child chooses breakfast, or you can send in the money daily. You do not have to commit to eating everyday. It can be as often as you prefer.



I am looking forward to a wonderful year of learning experiences with you and your child. Further details regarding curriculum for first grade can be found in the first grade curriculum packet. This can be obtained in the front office.

Please feel free to contact me any time during the school year.
My voicemail number is 248-426-5018. In case of emergency,
please contact the front office at 248-489-3690.

Sincerely,
Liz Walsh

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My amazing kids!

