



# Welcome to First Grade!

## About Me

Hello, and welcome to EDUPRIZE! My name is Stacy Benton, and I am excited to be your child's first-grade teacher. I just adore first graders, and I look forward to having your child in my First Grade AM TOPS class.

This will be my 18<sup>th</sup> year teaching. I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Arizona State University in 2005. In 2014, I graduated from Northern Arizona University with a Master's Degree in Elementary Education and also earned my Reading Endorsement.

I am originally from Lincoln, Nebraska but have lived in Arizona for the last 32 years. I live here in San Tan Valley with my husband Shane and my three-year-old daughter, Kennedy. I also have a bonus daughter who recently graduated from NAU. I am blessed to be able to work next door to my sister, Mrs. Davis. She is the other first grade AM TOPS teacher!

I look forward to meeting you and your family! If you have any questions or concerns about the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me. The best way to reach me is through email. My email address is [stacybenton@eduprizeschools.net](mailto:stacybenton@eduprizeschools.net). I look forward to our partnership. Thank you in advance for all you will do to make this a wonderful school year for your child!

Sincerely,

**Mrs. Benton**



## Cottage

Your child will be exploring four different thematic units this year. At EDUPRIZE we call these units "cottages." Each cottage is full of hands-on learning experiences. The first grade cottages are: Wavelength Arcade, Plymouth Plantation, Resource Resort, and Birdhouse.

## Open House

Open House is planned for Monday, July 17, 2023. Our scheduled time to meet is from 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. in room 23. You will be able to meet me, see our classroom, and drop off supplies.

Please bring your child's supplies to school with you on the day of Open House. (Our supply list is on the next page.) There will be areas for you to sort the supplies, as well as a few tasks for you to do to help your child get organized before the first day of school. Click [HERE](#) if you'd like to read over the open house agenda in advance. If you are unavailable during our scheduled time, I will be available periodically throughout the day.

## First Day of School

Our first day of school is Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. AM TOPS starts at 7:15 a.m. However, the students should be outside and in line by 7:10 a.m. Your child must be prompt and present the full first day to be considered enrolled at EDUPRIZE. The AM TOPS schedule this year is from 7:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Monday - Friday.

## Important

In order to save time during open house, I have made some of the required paperwork digital. Please click on the link below to fill out the questionnaire prior to open house. There is no need to print anything. I will receive a report with all of your answers. This online form is in addition to any of the paperwork required by the school.

[Open House Form](#)



# Mrs. Benton's Supply List



Please bring the following school supplies to the Open House on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> between 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. This will allow me to store the supplies and have a smooth start on the first day of school. Some items will be used as a classroom set, so please do not write your child's name on the supplies, unless it is indicated.

I have added links to Walmart for your convenience, and so you can see an example of what is needed. However, feel free to purchase your child's supplies wherever you'd like. Also, unless it is indicated, brand does not matter. Lastly, please reach out to me if you are experiencing any financial difficulties. I would love to help.

## Please label the following items with your child's name...

- ★ Unpackaged [Headphones](#) in a large Ziploc bag (Earbuds are very difficult for first graders to use. Please send in headphones only)
- ★ [Computer Mouse](#) in a small Ziploc bag (Wired only please) This supply is **OPTIONAL** If your child is comfortable with the trackpad on the computer, it is not necessary.
- ★ 1 regular-sized [pencil box](#)
- ★ 1 pointed pair of unpackaged [scissors](#)
- ★ 1 one-inch, solid colored [3-ring binder](#) with inside pockets and a clear sheet on the outside to hold a cover sheet (This will be used as a Homework/Communication Book.) Please write your child's name on the inside, upper right-hand corner.

## Please **do not** label the following items..

- ★ 2 boxes of [Crayola Crayons 24 pack](#)
- ★ 1 blue, [plastic pocket folder](#) with metal fasteners
- ★ 1 red, [plastic pocket folder](#) (Fasteners are not necessary, but okay)
- ★ 1 [primary composition notebook](#) with half page ruled (This just means there is space for pictures.)
- ★ 1 package of black, thin [Expo white board markers](#)
- ★ 1 roll of [paper towels](#)
- ★ 1 box of [tissues](#) (any shape)
- ★ 2 containers of [antibacterial wipes](#) for cleaning desks
- ★ 1 bottle of [hand sanitizer](#) with pump (any size)
- ★ 1 box of plastic baggies (Boys [sandwich size](#) and Girls [gallon size](#))
- ★ 1 package of [plastic forks](#) (girls only)
- ★ 1 package of [plastic spoons](#) (boys only)
- ★ 1 package of 25 heavyweight [sheet protectors](#) (girls only)
- ★ 1 ream of [white copy paper](#) (boys only)

## Teacher Wish List

Click [HERE](#) for a link to our classroom wish list on Amazon. We are also in need of the following items:

[8.5 x 14 White Copy Paper](#)  
[Chisel Tip Expo Markers in a variety of colors](#)

Thank you very much for contributing to our classroom!