

Ms. Poole's  
First Grade Class  
Back to School  
Night

2023-2024



# Introduction

I attended William Paterson University for my BA in English Literature and my MA in Elementary Education.

I have two adult sons. Dylan recently graduated from Thomas Edison State University with a degree in Computer Science. He moved to Florida over the summer, got a job and an apartment with his cousin, Dawson. Adulting has begun at 23! Justin is 21 years old and is attending Bergen Community College with an undeclared major. He also is an assistant manager at Primo Hoagies. Justin and I live in Allendale with our cat named Peach, who we recently adopted from a River Edge family.

This is my 21st year of teaching!



# Reader's Workshop

- Shared Reading – This is the time when I will do a mini-lesson (what I'd like the students to work on that day)
- Guided Reading – This is the time I will meet with individuals to work on skills depending on the students' needs
- Independent Reading – "Just Right Books"



# Reading Expectations

- November Grade Level is Independent F/G
- January Grade Level is Independent G/H
- March Grade level is Independent H/I/J
- June Grade Level is Independent I/J/K





# Writer's Workshop

- Writing Workshop is similar to the Reading Workshop routine
- Students will write short stories, narratives and non-fiction.
- The writing process will include pre-writing, writing, editing, revision and publishing.
- Students need to sound out the words as best they can. Developing spelling is ok.
- I will confer with students on their writing.





# Fundations Program

- A multi-sensory, structured language program
- Focuses on student development by differentiating instruction and actively engaging students in their learning.
- Reinforces the basic word study skills taught in Kindergarten and progresses further into the study of word structure.
- Unit Family Letters can be found on my website.

◆ **Please note there are periodic unit assessments. There will be NO weekly Spelling Tests**





# Everyday Math Edition 4

- Our program aligns with first grade skills, concepts, and standards
- Multiple assessments/Fluency assessments
- Opportunities for higher level problem solving strategies
- Explorations with math materials
- Home Links (homework) and family letters
- DO NOT throw out the family letters. Please refer to them for explanations/answers for homework.



# Social Studies

- Communities
- Geography and Map skills
- United States symbols, monuments and history
- Important Holidays





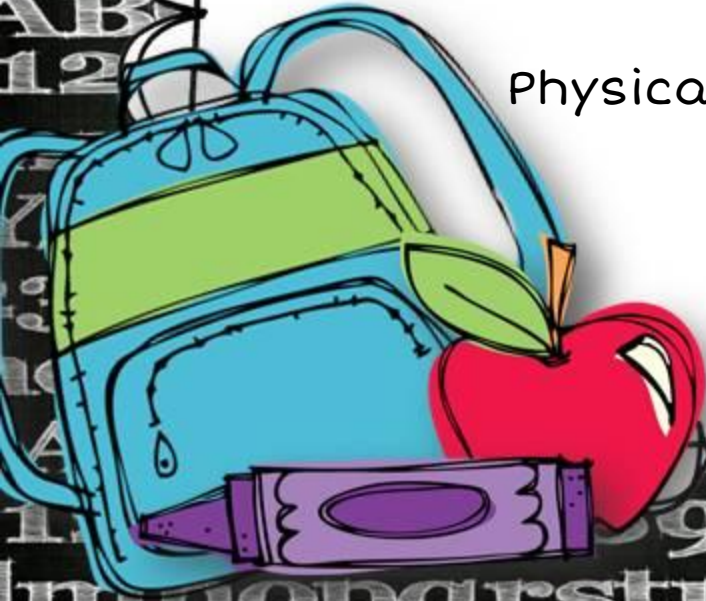
# Science

## Three Units of Study:

Earth & Space Science- Space Systems: Patterns and Cycles

Life Science- Structure and Function

Physical Science- Waves: Light and Sound



# Responsive Classroom

- Social and Emotional Learning Program for grades K-6
- Allow time for community meetings within the school day.
- Promotes curiosity, wonder, and interest through fun, challenging, and interactive activities.





# Classroom Management

- All students are responsible for themselves and their work.
- Students follow classroom rules.
- Students earn marbles for staying on task and following directions.



# Homework

- Homework will be assigned Monday – Thursday
- White binder/yellow folder
- Homework will usually consist of:
- Math Home Link page
- Reading-read as often as you can!
- Foundations-worksheet





# Reminders/Information

- Best way to contact me is through email:  
poolec@riveredgeschools.org
- Class Website <http://kindergartenpoole.weebly.com/>
- Please read the class packet - detailed curriculum information



# Closing

- Birthdays
- Class Parties
- Class Trip
- Please write your child a note and leave it on their desk.
- Visit the special area teachers from 7:30 - 8:00 to see their classrooms and routines.

