

Welcome to * FIRST GRADE *

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I want to take this time to welcome you and your child to first grade. My name is Michelle Troast. This is my thirteenth year teaching at Harrison Township Elementary School. I am eager to start the 2025-2026 school year with my class!

My teaching experiences have expanded over the years. Prior to teaching first grade, I held the positions of a math interventionist for 1st-3rd grade, a second grade teacher, and an interim reading interventionist. I look forward to watching your child grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

First grade is a wonderful year where children begin exploring various texts and genres in reading. In math, we will explore student-centered and hands-on activities to learn number sense, basic facts, place value, time, money, and geometry. Your child will blossom as a writer. Throughout the year, your child will have the opportunity to strengthen and challenge their own academic skills.

Enclosed with this letter is a blank name tag. Please have your child write their name with a Sharpie on the name tag and wear the name tag on the first day of school. Please prepare a bag with three small items: favorite toy, food, color, hobby, pictures of family and friends, etc. We will share these special items on the first day to get to know our new friends.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! I look forward to working with you and your child as a team in first grade.

Fondly,

Mrs. Michelle Troast

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