


Dear First Grade Friend,

My name is Mrs. Nikolaus and I will be your first grade teacher this year. I am thrilled to have you in my class, and I look forward to meeting you. Get ready to learn a lot and have a great time together! Make sure to read the next two pages with mom and dad. See you very soon!

Your friend,

Mrs. Nikolaus





July 2014

Dear Night Owl Families,

Hello, my name is Valerie Nikolaus and I am so excited to be your child's teacher this year. Thank you for giving me the honor in assisting with your child's future! I am looking forward to working with you and your child to ensure that we all will have the most positive and productive first grade experience. ☺

This marks my twentieth year teaching! I have taught first, second, third and fourth grades. I am thrilled to be teaching first grade again this year, it's my favorite grade to teach. I am a native to Arizona and graduated from Xavier College Preparatory. I have a BA in bilingual education, and I am a **true Arizona Wildcat** at heart. I've earned a master's degree in bilingual education from Northern Arizona, a bilingual endorsement, an English as a Second Language endorsement and I am CLIP trained, which has prepared me to teach those early eager readers! I have been married to my terrific husband Ron for the past sixteen years. We have three lovely children Hunter (8<sup>th</sup> grade), Hayden (4<sup>th</sup> grade) and Harper Reese (almost 3 years old). We are a proud family of five and truly appreciate our time with one another. We live in the community and are so thankful to be Jacobson/Bogle Jr. High parents as well.

I work closely with the "team" of parent-teacher-child. I feel if all of us work together, we will have a successful and rewarding year! If you have any questions concerning your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can email me at [nikolaus.val@cusd80.com](mailto:nikolaus.val@cusd80.com).

I am looking forward to meeting you and your family at "Meet the Teacher" and the Jacobson Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30. If you are able to get your supplies by "Meet the Teacher," thanks for bringing them with you. **Please only label your individual supplies.** The group supplies do not need a name on them. Thanks for all of your donations! I will also have the class tshirt forms available so you can fill out your form/order while you are here visiting.  
Hoot hoot HOORAY!

Yours in education,  
Valerie Nikolaus

P.S. Please send me an email to the above address A.S.A.P. so that I can put your email address(es) into my address book. Don't forget to introduce yourself! ☺

# Night Owl Supplies

## \*Individual Supplies\*

Please write your child's name on these items

- \* 1 large pencil box (11 X 7 X 2)
- \* 1 box of washable markers (Crayola preferred)
- \* 1 box of crayons (Crayola 24/48 count preferred)
- \* 2 glue sticks
- \* 1 primary composition notebook
- \* 3 pocket folders, 1 yellow, 1 green, 1 purple (label the name inside the folders)
- \* 1 pair of child-sized scissors
- \* 1 water bottle
- \* 1 backpack (NON rolling)
- \* 1 lunchbox (if bringing lunch)
- \* 2 spiral notebooks

\*\* Please do not send hand-held pencil sharpeners with your child.

\*\* The kids will need new crayons/markers by January. Since this is such a great time of year to buy supplies, I recommend getting two sets of crayons/markers now and saving a set for second semester.

## \*Community Supplies\*

These donated items will be community supplies and will be used in the classroom as needed throughout the year. Please do not write names on these and don't feel obligated to buy everything on this list...your donations are greatly appreciated!

- \* Glue sticks
- \* Baby wipes
- \* Kleenex tissues
- \* Band-Aids
- \* Dry erase markers (thick...low odor please)
- \* Baggies (snack)
- \* Gallon Baggies
- \* #2 pencils (Ticonderoga preferred) (If you have a pencil sharpener at home, please sharpen these pencils.)
- \* Extra boxes of crayons/markers to share at centers/work stations

The supplies listed above are recommended only. The school will be happy to provide the basics for your child if you are unable to purchase any of the supplies on the list. The kids and I appreciate your donations. If you have any questions about the supply list, please don't hesitate to email me at [nikolaus.val@cusd80.com](mailto:nikolaus.val@cusd80.com).

