

BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year!

My name is Mrs. Wendy Dafoe and I am pleased to welcome both you and your child to my class! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful and relaxing summer break. First grade is a huge year of learning and growth for your child, and I am thrilled to be able to be part of it.

This is my seventeenth-year teaching at Riggs Elementary (I previously have taught half day Kindergarten, the English Language Development program, and first grade), and my 25th year teaching. I taught first grade for eight years in Michigan before having children of my own and taking time off. My husband, Tim, and I have been married for twenty-eight years and have three children – Travis, Madeline, and Zachary. I was, also, a teacher trainer for a county in suburban Detroit, assisting teachers in developing optimal language arts instruction in their classrooms. I have my bachelor's degree in education from Central Michigan University, my master's degree in early childhood education from Wayne State University in Detroit, and my National Board Certification (NBCT) as a Early Childhood Generalist. We moved to Arizona a little over seventeen years ago and love the weather.

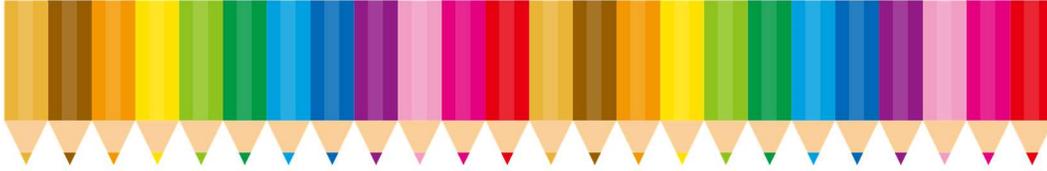
I believe that First grade should be taught in a safe, comfortable, and caring environment. We will work together to create a community in our class where we can work together and respect one another. I intend to provide learning experiences that are exciting, challenging, and positive for every student. First grade is about academics, as well as social growth.

I hope this letter gives you a taste of who I am and my expectations as a teacher. I believe that a good parent-teacher relationship is necessary for maximum school success. Throughout the year I will communicate through notes, calls, newsletters, and parent-teacher conferences. I encourage you to contact me with any questions or concerns. You can call school, send a note or email me at dafoe.wendy@cusd80.com. I am grateful and truly excited to be your child's teacher and look forward to a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wendy Dafoe





Mrs. Dafoe's Supply List

Below is a list of supplies your child will need to start the year. I will also send Amazon Wish lists Quarterly. The items on the Wish List would be greatly appreciated but are not required. If you are not able to purchase the below items need, please contact me.

Everyone will need

***1 1/2 inch 3 ring binder with a clear pocket in the front for our "First Grade Scrapbook"**

***Backpack**

***pencil box** which can fit these items

3 or more glue sticks (there are great sales on these now!)

1 package of #2 sharpened pencils

1 package of crayons (please make sure that it fits in the pencil box)

1 highlighter (any color)

Quarter 1 Amazon Wish list Link:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3EOCTVEMEH9KF?ref=wl_share

Other Optional Donations beyond Amazon Quarterly Wishlist:

Wal-green's gift card (print photos for scrapbook)

Fry's gift card (I will purchase foods throughout the year for special activities. For example, first day of school "Jitter Juice", which is pink lemonade. 😊)

Thanks so much for helping our classroom!

