



Hi! I'm Jenny Mather and it is my pleasure to be your child's teacher this year! I have been teaching since 2006. I have taught Pre-K, Kindergarten and First grade. I am a native New Yorker, but went to school at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. I've been known to say "ya'll" a time or two. I received my Masters degree at ASU, but we are a U of A house. If at any time, you have questions or concerns, please email me: matherjenny@cusd80.com

FULTON ELEMENTARY

Phone: 480-224-3300

Attendance: 480-224-3303

Health Office: 480-224-3302

School Hours: 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM

Office Hours: 7:30 AM- 4:30 PM

Your first grader may play on the primary playground in the mornings, but not before 8:05 a.m. Our morning meeting spot is on the basketball court.

PARENT PICK UP & SCHOOL SAFETY

Please follow the standard protocol for this procedure. Students may not exit or enter a vehicle prior to the south crosswalk. Students are responsible for looking for their ride, as teachers are managing the safety of all students in the area. If you prefer to get out of your car to greet your child, you must park in the lot and meet your child at the designated pick-up area.

If there will be any changes in the usual transportation arrangement contact the office at least an hour prior to dismissal as I am unable to release students who verbally tell me he/she will go home a different way.

Fulton is a closed campus. If your child arrives late or needs to be picked up early, you must do so through the office. Fulton has an emergency plan in place and we practice safety procedures on a regular basis, such as fire drills and lock-down drills.

TAKE HOME FOLDER

Your child will bring home his/her Take Home Folder every day. Pockets are labeled as to what stays home and what needs to be returned to school. Please help your student empty his/her folder daily and return to school the following day.

HOMEWORK, ACADEMICS, AND COMMUNICATION

Your child will receive a homework checklist and assignments every Friday from his/her reading block teacher. This will be due back to school the following Friday of each week along with any practice pages or added assignments. In addition, all 1st graders are required to read for 20 minutes nightly. Each month I will supply my students with a reading log. If it is completed and brought back at the end of each month, students will earn a reward.

First grade plays a pivotal role in your child's academic success. This is when he/she needs to learn the foundations of reading; learning to read and decode. By the end of the school year, your child should be able to read 70 words or more per minute. Therefore it is imperative that your child read at least 20 minutes daily. If he/she is struggling, have a sibling or you read to your student. Listening to reading is just as important as reading to self.

Unit Foundations tests will be given every 2 weeks or so. In order to better prepare, please visit the first grade webpage to access a "menu" of spelling practice activities. <https://www.cusd80.com/Page/35456>

Your child will receive Think Central and Reflex Math logins. Please visit those sites to access decodable and leveled readers, math support and games. We will not always send books home, you are encouraged to use the Think Central site to access stories for nightly reading.

To "go green", many important updates are communicated via e-mail and through our school and grade level websites. Be sure to visit often and subscribe to e-mail alerts. Backpacks should be checked daily for any important information that may be sent home via hard copy in your child's Take Home Folder. Contacting me by email is also the quickest way for me to respond.

LUNCH & VISITORS

Our class will have lunch recess from 11:00-11:20 am and lunch in the café from 11:20-11:40 am. You can keep your child's lunch account filled at MyLunchMoney.com. Families are welcome to have lunch with their child on Friday starting the third week of school.

LULULLAMA

Lulu Llama is our special classroom friend, but she gets lonely on the weekends and that is why she will go home with a student each week. Lulu will bring her bag with books and a travel journal. Your child will write about his/her adventures with Lulu during the weekend. Please bring Lulu back on Monday so we can hear all about her sleepover.

FILLING BUCKETS

Your child will have the opportunity to be in the spotlight as our Bucket Filler of the Week! The Bucket Filler of the Week will get to take home our "Bucket Filler Bag" on Friday and return it to class filled with items to share the following Monday. (Star Student Poster, a special book, special treats, etc.) The bag will include a letter that gives directions of what to fill it with for each day.

We also have a "class bucket" where the students can fill my bucket by making respectful and responsible choices as a group. Once my bucket is "full", they will earn a class reward to celebrate being bucket fillers.

BEHAVIOR AND EXPECTATIONS

We are a Bucket Filling Classroom! In our class, we practice kindness and respect every day. Students are rewarded for Bucket Filling behavior choices and may have consequences for Bucket Dipping behavior choices. Students receive a ticket at the end of each day if he/she has demonstrated great behavior choices in school. Tickets may be used for our "treasure box" or saved to have lunch with me! Students who "clip down" will owe me a ticket(s) at the end of the day.

Purple: The top behavior level! The student made excellent choices throughout the day! A student ending his/her day on purple receives 3 tickets.

Pink: This level can be reached when a student has made several good choices during the day. He/she will receive 2 tickets.

Blue: When a student has made 1 or more positive choices, he/she will clip to blue and receive 1 ticket for the day.

Green: Everyone begins the day here. Most days, children will be on green the entire day.
This is expected behavior therefore students will not earn tickets.

Yellow: A student who clips here has had 3 redirections but has not changed his/her behavior choices. Students can clip up if the behavior is corrected. If a student was unable to clip back up, he/she will owe me 1 ticket.

Orange: If bucket dipping choices are continued, the student will clip to orange and owe 2 tickets. Consequences may/may not be given, but your child will take home and "Uh-Oh" note explaining the incident. This is to be signed and returned the following day

Red: Any student who clips red will receive an email or call home explaining the situation. This may be from myself or the vice principal. This is NOT an easy place to land and may be referred to the assistant principal for further investigation. 3 tickets will be owed.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays Book Club is a program designed to engage students in the joy of reading, support the growth of the library, and celebrate the special day of every student at Fulton. Your child will receive a special invitation when his/her birthday month is ready to be celebrated. Mrs. Foster loves volunteers for this event and will send out a Signup Genius.

Students may also bring in treats for the class on his/her birthday. Please make sure treats are store bought and easy to distribute (please no sheet cakes), and most important **PEANUT FREE**. If you are dropping off treats for the class, I ask that you do so by 9:30 AM.

VOLUNTEERS

I appreciate and love to have volunteers!! If you would like to become a volunteer, please complete the form in my welcome packet. Volunteers are required to read and sign the Fulton volunteer agreement form (online) and return it to me. You will not be allowed to volunteer if I don't have your Fulton Volunteer Agreement Form. I will send out Signup Genius links throughout the year for supplies, events or special help.

I am always in need of 1-2 copy moms who can come in every week to help me prepare for upcoming lessons. If you are interested in helping with this, PLEASE let me know. I can and will work with your schedules.

Volunteers will be needed for Art Masterpiece and Junior Achievement as well as a PTO liaison who will be able to attend PTO meetings during the year and communicate information to the class.

SPECIALS

We have a 6 day rotation schedule for specials. Please note when we have PE and have your child dress appropriately. Also be sure library books are returned on the due date.
*We will begin the school year on a Day 2!

Day 1: Library

Day 2: Music

Day 3: PE

Day 4: Technology

Day 5: Music

Day 6: PE

I am so excited to get this school year started!!

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN

To ensure that you are aware of my policies and procedures, please **Print**, **Sign** and **Return** this form to me in your child's Take Home Folder.

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

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