

A LETTER FROM MY TEACHER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to first grade! My name is Mrs. Raphael and I have the privilege of being your child's teacher this year. We are going to have a fabulous year!

Allow me to introduce myself. I grew up in Southern California and I moved to Arizona twenty-four years ago to attend college. I received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Arizona and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Northern Arizona University. After graduating from the University of Arizona, I taught second grade for two years in the Washington Elementary School District. When I decided to teach in Chandler, I also decided to move grade levels as well. I absolutely love teaching first grade! This will be my nineteenth year teaching first grade in the Chandler Unified School District. When I am not teaching, I love to travel and spend time with my family and friends.

As your child's teacher, I will create a safe, comfortable, and caring environment in order to help each student be successful and learn. I will encourage your child to always try his/her best. Henry Ford once said, "Whether you think you can or think you can't-you are right." I feel that attitude is extremely important, and I try to teach my students each and everyday that their attitude will directly effect their success in life.

I hope that as parents, you will be involved in your child's learning experience. Throughout the year I will communicate with you through notes, emails, newsletters and parent-teacher conferences. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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I hope you will be able to attend our 1st Grade Meet the Teacher on Monday, July 15th from 4:30-5:10.

I am so thrilled to have the opportunity to teach your child and I look forward to a fantastic year!



Sincerely,

Mrs. Raphael

