



Welcome to 1st Grade!

We look forward to having you in our school next year. Below you will find the school supply list for 1st grade, along with information about field trips that the students will be taking next year. On the other side, you can read about the teachers who teach 1st grade.

If you haven't registered for the 2016-17 school year, please be sure to do so as soon as possible! We strongly encourage you to register online. Go to my.austinisd.org and click on the Student Registration tile. If you have trouble with the password, please call the front office before June 8th, 2016 for assistance.

Students will be assigned to teachers in August just before school starts, and you'll be able to meet your new teacher at our annual Back to School Ice Cream Social on Friday, August 19, 2016 from 4-6 pm.

1st Grade School Supplies

*PLEASE DO **NOT** MARK SCHOOL SUPPLIES WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME*

<u>24</u>	#2 Pencils, pre-sharpened
<u>4</u>	Erasers, Pentel Hi-Polymer preferred
<u>2</u>	Crayola washable markers – 10 count
<u>2</u>	Crayola crayons – 24 count
<u>12</u>	Elmer's glue sticks
<u>1</u>	Elmer's GEL glue
<u>1</u>	Fiskars scissors
<u>1</u>	EXPO dry erase markers – 4 pack
<u>7</u>	Wide ruled composition notebooks – no color preference
<u>8</u>	Vinyl/plastic folders with pockets & brads – 2 of each color: blue, green, red, yellow
<u>1</u>	Ziploc bags, sandwich size – GIRLS only
<u>1</u>	Ziploc bags, quart size – BOYS only
<u>1</u>	Ziploc bags, gallon size
<u>1</u>	3-ring binders, 1" – white with clear front
<u>2</u>	Kleenex tissues
<u>1</u>	Hand sanitizer
<u>1</u>	Disinfecting wipes
<u>\$35</u>	Field trip fee
<u>\$5</u>	Technology fee
<u>1</u>	Set of earbuds or headphones

Next year, the 1st grade students will be taking four total field trips throughout the school year. The students will be traveling to Elgin Tree Farm, Zach Scott Theatre, Wonderworld, and the Austin Zoo. Total costs for the year will be \$35, which includes entrance fees and transportation costs.



Say Hello to our 1st Grade Teachers!

Come meet them in person, drop off your supplies, and enjoy some ice cream at the Back to School Ice Cream Social on August 19th, 2016 from 4-6 pm.

<p>LINA NUNCIO – Dual Language</p>	<p>Ms. Nuncio has been teaching overall for 16 years, and the 2016-17 school year marks her 4th year with THES. She graduated from Texas State University back when it was still Southwest Texas University! She loves to see students grow in their learning, and being able to teach in two languages is one of her favorite things about Travis Heights. She and her husband Ben have two children who are also students at THES, Aly and Nicholas. Ms. Nuncio has traveled to several places, including Cabo San Lucas, Cancun, Florida and Durango, and Mexico. She loves all shades of the color blue, and adores dogs and puppies. In her free time, she loves running, and going dancing! She is very excited about getting to know her new students and their parents!</p>
<p>WESLEY PAPARONE – Dual Language</p>	<p>This year marks the second year that Mr. Paparone is teaching 1st grade here at THES, and his fifth year as a teacher. One of the things that he loves the most about THES is the blend and cultures that you find in our school. Everyone always has a smile on their face! Mr. Paparone lived in Guatemala for three years where he met his beautiful wife, Mafer. He has also traveled to Mexico, El Salvador, Ecuador, and Thailand. His favorite color is turquoise and his favorite animal is the Liger (half tiger, half lion). He went to school at Hogwarts, University of Maryland, College Park. Mr. Paparone wants his future students and their families to know that he loves to have fun and be a little silly when he teaches!</p>
<p>LISA ETZEL</p>	<p>Ms. Etzel has taught at Travis Heights for 16 years in various grades. She loves 1st grade because it is a challenging year for students to build their literacy skills, and it's fun to see the students grow as readers. She loves seeing the light bulb come on when a student learns something new. Ms. Etzel likes that THES is a diverse school with a unique culture and amazing community. In her spare time, she likes to take her kayak out on Ladybird Lake or travel to Missouri to kayak the rivers with her cousin. She also likes crafting and painting. You may see her work at the Cultural Festival this year! Ms. Etzel wants parents to know that she is here for you and your child. She is your partner in their education, and she wants your child to succeed. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out. See you soon!</p>
<p>KATY CHRISTENSEN</p>	<p>A native of Michigan, Ms. Christensen has been teaching for over 30 years. She came to THES in 2014 from Wimberley ISD, and she loves teaching kids to read and write well. Ms. Christensen loves that every kid at THES has access to chrome books, and all of the other programs like Korean and project based learning make learning fun. This year, she is sending her daughter Siobhan off to college. She also has two dogs, Jax and Bodi, and considers herself an animal lover. She enjoys playing tennis and reading, and you can often find her boating on Lake Austin when the weather is nice and hot.</p>