

Dear Friends and Family of Room 24:

I would like to welcome you all to the First grade. We are going to have a very fun and exciting year. I can't wait to get to know you and your students and share this year with all of you.

Students will be bringing home a "Homework" folder every evening. Your student's folders have two main purposes: to keep homework in a specific place where parents and students can find it, and for communication between myself and parents. I will send home important notes about class assignments, trips, and other events in the folders. Please check these nightly, and feel free to use these as a line of communication with me. In addition to sending notes with your child, you can also reach me by e-mail.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I was born and raised in Coos Bay and graduated from Marshfield High School. After graduation I moved to Portland and worked at First Interstate Bank. After working for several years at the bank I decided to go back to school to fulfill my dream of becoming a teacher. I graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science degree and from Pacific University with a Masters in Education. I have taught both kindergarten and first grade. During my free time I enjoy knitting, reading and watching football. I also love the ocean and beachcombing.

I am excited to be teaching at Coquille Valley Elementary and have the opportunity to work with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. All of us working together will ensure a successful year for our class.

Sincerely,
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