



Dear First Grade Families,

My name is Dan Beach. I am very happy to be part of the Family Life Academy faculty as the first grade teacher. This will be my 36th year of teaching first grade. My first 32 years were in public school at Agua Caliente Elementary School in the Tanque Verde School District. Before teaching there, I was a PE teacher at Armstrong Academy. I received my BSBA in business and then my teacher certification from the University of Arizona.

I am happily married to Sandy and we have 7 children, 17 grandchildren and one great grandchild with two more on the way. I am a runner and a woodworker. I like to play my guitar and sing with my students. I am crazy about trains and just started learning the harmonica two years ago. I have two dogs and love hanging out with them.

I grew up in a Christian family and have attended church my whole life. I accepted Jesus Christ as my savior at a young age and have had a good relationship with Him since I really understood what that meant in my early twenties.

First grade is an exciting year. We will learn to be more expressive and fluent readers and writers. We will learn many strategies to add and subtract and how to count, build and compare two and three digit numbers as well as telling time on an analog clock and working with simple fractions. We will learn more about God and the Bible and we will pray often. We will explore citizenship, friendships, mapping, history, and lots of hands-on science to help broaden our understanding of our world. I have a class set of Edison robots we will learn to program using coding on our Chromebooks. .

Our beginning of the year barbecue is Monday evening, August 4th at 6:00. I look very forward to meeting you and your child. We are going to have a super exciting and fun year of learning and growing together.

Sincerely,
Dan Beach

**Family Life Academy
First Grade Supply List
2025-2026
Mr. Beach**

Please clearly label the following items. They will not be shared.

- 1 backpack
- Water bottle
- 1 box of Crayola crayons 16 count
- 1 box of colored pencils (any size)
- 1 box of art markers
- 1 two pocket folder to be used as a homework folder (these may be as decorative as you like)
- Earphones with a 1/8 inch / 3.5 mm jack for use with our Chromebooks

The following items should not be labeled:

- 3 dozen #2 pencils, sharpened
- 2 small glue sticks (preferably Elmer's brand)
- 1 large container of disinfecting wipes
- 2 large boxes of tissues

Items needed at home for homework:

- Crayons
- Ruler with both centimeters and inches