

# WELCOME TO MRS. BANKS'S CLASS

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I AM SO EXCITED FOR THIS  
YEAR!



# MRS. BANKS

## *about me*

I'm Lindsay Banks, and I've been teaching for 14 years! I am married, and we have 2 fur babies. I look forward to getting to know you and your children. I'm so excited to partner with you and your child for a fantastic year in First Grade! Please feel free to contact me by email at any time with questions or concerns you may have. (lindsay.banks@acboe.net) We can conference by phone anytime or in person by appointment only.

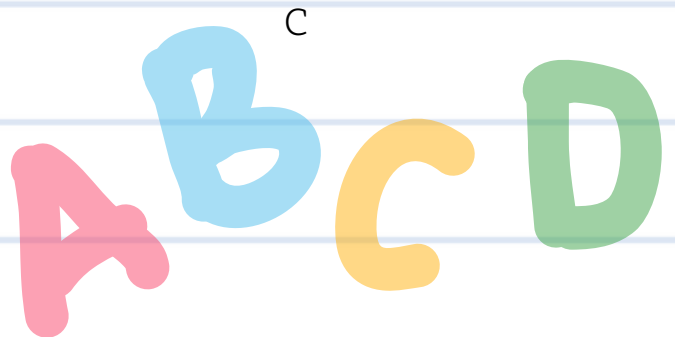
I am looking forward to teaching your sweet babies this year!

## *my favorites*

Color: Purple  
Restaurant: Chickfila,  
Panera, Sushi Ro ,  
and Starbucks  
Place to go: Disney  
World  
Place to shop: TJ  
Maxx and Target

## *contact info*

Email:  
lindsay.banks@acboe.net  
  
The best form of contact:  
Dojo Message (7:30-3:15)



# OUR GOALS FOR THE YEAR

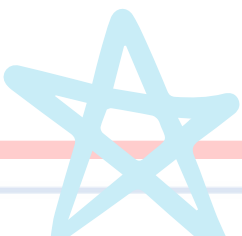
This year we will be learning and completing the following:

- How to read and comprehend first-grade level texts.
- Weekly spelling tests.
- How to write a complete sentence using correct capitalization & punctuation.
- Addition and subtraction fluently within 20.
- How to add 2-digit numbers with & without regrouping
- How to be a good friend.
- AND SO MUCH MORE!



# NEWS YOU CAN USE

- Preferred Method of Contact: Parent Square  
(Please allow 24 hours to reply to any messages you may send.)
- Email: [lindsay.banks@acboe.net](mailto:lindsay.banks@acboe.net)
- School Website:  
<https://www.dpeseagles.com/lindsay-banks>
- Contact Hours: 7:30-3:15 Monday-Friday
- Best Days for Conferences: Monday-Wednesdays during my planning (1:10-1:50)
- Homework: due every Friday
- Makeup Work: You must send in an excuse for your child to make up any missed work.



# CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

Our main form of classroom management is Class Dojo. Class Dojo is an app that you can download on your phone. In this packet you will find all the information you need to set up an account for your child. I use Class Dojo to keep track of your child's behavior in class. There are positive points that your child can receive and also a "needs to improve" point that they may lose for things they need to work on that may have happened at school. You will be notified for all the points given or taken so that you can be in the know on how your student is doing. After earning a certain amount of points, they get little prizes to help motivate them to do their best!

# CLASS DOJO



A form with your child's unique code to set up an account is attached to this page. After you set up an account, you will be able to access your child's behavior each day.

# HOMework POLICY



For homework this year, we will be doing a variety of worksheets. I do not believe in giving a huge homework load, but instead encouraging your child to play outside and have fun being a kid after being in school all day. However, some homework can be good for reviewing lessons learned in class. The primary homework will be a reading sheet with weekly skills and decodable stories to practice our phonics skills. I also add extra fluency and comprehension practice. These are not required, but they can help your child keep up with the pace of first grade. These count towards our reading goal of 15 minutes a night. Your child should also be studying their spelling words for their weekly test.

\*Weekly Tests include Reading, Spelling, Grammar, and Math Skills. Scheduled tests will always be on the weekly homework sheet.

\*Graded Papers will come home weekly. I try to get them out on Fridays, but that is not always possible. I will send out a reminder when they are coming home.

# PARENT COMMUNICATION

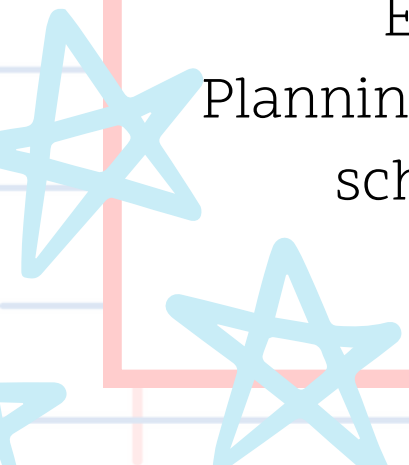
As mentioned, the best way to contact me is through Parent Square messages or email. Please give me 24 hours to reply. If there is an afterschool pick-up change, it must be in writing, or you will need to contact the front office to communicate those changes. Again, please allow up to 24 hours to reply.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to please come straight to me. It would be more appreciated and helpful to hear from you, not a coworker or parent. Thank you so much!

My contact hours: 7:30-3:15

Email: [lindsay.banks@acboe.net](mailto:lindsay.banks@acboe.net)

Planning Period: 1:10-1:15 (Conferences can be scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.





# BINDERS

Your child has a binder that they will be given on the first day of school! This will always have their homework in it and any other essential forms. One side is labeled "Return to School" -- if there are worksheets or forms in this section, please return them to school the next day (EXCEPT HOMEWORK) unless noted otherwise. The other side is labeled "Keep at Home" -- any forms or worksheets in this section are for you to keep and do not need to be returned! Homework will be located in the "Return to School" section of the binder. It will be due on Fridays.

This binder must be returned every day



# ALL ABOUT OUR CLASSROOM

## Birthdays

You may send in store-bought treats for your child on their birthday. Our snack time is around 2:15.

## Communication

You may message me on Parent Square. I will check it from 7:30-3:15 during the week. We have 24 hours to respond to messages. I will post weekly newsletters, reminders, and all other important information in Parent Square.

## Graded Papers

Graded Papers are sent home weekly. I will get them to you on Fridays with the new homework packet. Please sign and return any papers that have a 69 or below.

## Homework

The primary homework will be a reading sheet with weekly skills and decodable stories to practice our phonics skills. I also add extra fluency and comprehension practice. These are not required, but they can help your child keep up with the pace of first grade.

## Snack Time

We will have snack daily around 2:15. Your child may purchase snack in the mornings BEFORE they come to class: no glass water bottles and no sodas. Special Snack occurs once a month. This is a time when we allow the purchase of candy and sodas. Prices will be sent out via ClassDojo

## Water Bottles

You are allowed to send water bottles to school. Students can access their water bottles throughout the day during bathroom breaks, brain breaks, and transition times. They are not allowed to have them in the classroom or take them to PE