

# MEET THE **TEACHER**



## ABOUT ME

Welcome to first grade! My name is Stephanie Bigham. This will be my nineteenth year of teaching. I have been teaching first grade at Hudson Park Elementary since 2017. I am married with 3 children and 4 pets! My 3 children keep me busy with various sports for each season. I feel so blessed to have such a wonderful family.

## PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

I believe that all children can learn when they feel safe to ask questions and when they know their teacher cares about them. It is the teacher's responsibility to provide meaningful learning experiences. It is the student's responsibility to do their personal best in the classroom. My motto for my classroom is "Our class is a family."

## EDUCATION

I graduated from the teaching program at Western Oregon University with a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education. I also have a Masters Degree in Education Curriculum and Instruction from Grand Canyon University.



# CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

Our classroom rules are centered around the following expectations:

*Be Safe. Be Kind. Be Respectful. Be Responsible.*

I use positive reinforcements to encourage and support the students who follow the expectations. When classroom expectations are not met then the consequences are as follows:

Warning	Consequence
1st	Reminder/Redirection
2nd	Timeout
3rd	Cougar Pause think sheet to be completed in a Buddy Room
4th	Phone call home and a Cougar Track



I also like to give has many class rewards throughout the school year to encourage teamwork in the classroom. My motto is “Our class is a family.” Students will also be able to earn tickets for positive choices and then they may buy prizes from the “store”. This explains the prizes your student will bring home throughout the school year.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

- 7:45 a.m. Student arrival through the school’s front entrance.
- 8:00 a.m. School Starts/Breakfast in the classroom
- 8:35 a.m. First Grade Specials
- 10:30 a.m. First Grade Lunch in the cafeteria
- 2:45 p.m. School Ends (Wednesdays are Early Release at 12:45 p.m.)

Students being picked-up will be waiting under the covered area.

**Parents/guardians need to show ID and sign your students out with the teacher on duty.**



## SPECIALS

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday have set Specials.

Monday and Friday will have rotating Specials. I will be sending home a monthly schedule of our Monday and Friday Specials.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rotating	Music	P.E.	Library	Rotating

## GRADES

Grades are based on the Common Core State Standards.

- 90-100: 4 Exceeding Standard
- 75-89.99: 3 Meeting Standard
- 50-74.99: 2 Approaching Standard
- 0-49.99: 1 Below Standard

## HOMEWORK

**Reading:** Read 15 minutes each night. Adults will need to fill out the monthly reading log so students will be eligible for the end of the year Scooters for Readers drawing. Each completed reading log is an entry for the Kindle drawing.

**Spelling:** Spelling words will be sent home at the beginning of the week and tests will be on the last day of the week.

**Math:** Occasionally, math practice problems will be sent home. Any unfinished work will be sent home for students to complete. Students will receive a Cougar Credit for all completed homework.

Homework folders will be sent home every Friday. If there is no school on a Friday, they will be passed out on the day before break. All homework will be due the following Friday, but may be turned in before that time. Folders should be checked, emptied, and signed by an adult.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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I look forward to a great year of learning!

~Mrs. Bigham

