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## MRS. BANKS

#### about me

I'm Lindsay Banks, and I've been teaching for 54 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 by appointment only in person.

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

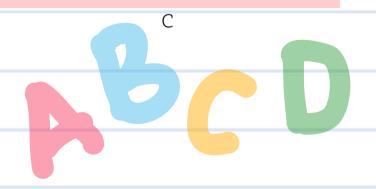
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#### contact info

Email:

lindsay.banks@acboe.net

The best form of contact: Parent Square (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
- 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.

## 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 dictation and phonics skills for their weekly test.

\*Weekly Tests include Reading, dictation, Grammar, and Math Skills. Scheduled tests will always be included in the weekly newsletter.

\*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

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