

WELCOME

to the

Firstie  
Forest







# Meet the Teacher

## Mrs. Cortnie Geringer

This will be my second year teaching first grade. I spent the previous nine years teaching kindergarten. I believe this gives me a solid foundation in understanding the background knowledge and skills that my students come to first grade with.

I am married and have four daughters ranging in ages from 12 to 24. My family enjoys traveling, road trips and amusement parks. We also have several pets including our dog Tillie, three cats, rabbit, and guinea pigs.





# Favorites:

- Colors: Green & Purple
- Season: Fall
- Food: Tacos, tacos, tacos!
- Drink: White chocolate mocha/Iced tea
- Dessert: Any kind of fruit pie or crisp
- Hobbies: Cake decorating, reading, crafting
- Birthday: June 1st







# One Rule Classroom

**If what you're doing interferes with learning,  
hurts someone's heart or prevents you from  
being your best self then you shouldn't be doing it.**





# Teaching Philosophy

I believe that everything in the classroom revolves around respect and developing relationships.

We respect everyone (including ourselves), we treat each other with kindness and work to better ourselves every day.

When we do these things we create a classroom culture in which we feel safe, can build relationships, listen and be listened to and ultimately make growth personally and academically.



# Classroom Management

Students can earn cougar credits for schoolwide rewards, as well as group and classroom points for prizes and class parties.

Additionally, they will learn about the reminder system when they are not following expectations which is as follows:

1st offense: redirection, review, reminder

2nd offense: counsel with the teacher

3rd offense: five minutes on the bench at recess

4th offense: visit to the buddy room and fill out Cougar Pause (think sheet), and a phone call will be made home.





# Daily Schedule

7:45 Arrival

Breakfast

Specials

ELA/Literacy

Reading Small groups

Lunch

Recess

Quiet Reading

Writing

Recess

Math

Enrichment

2:45 Dismissal



# Other Important Info:

- Students need a water bottle that they can keep at school each week
- Make sure your child has a standard sized backpack to use every day
- Shoes should be weather appropriate and be conducive to playing outside on the playground, running, climbing, etc.
- If your child would like an afternoon snack please send a portable snack with them each day. We do not have a community shared snack in the classroom.
- Classroom newsletters will be sent to the email address(es) on file approx once per month.





# Parent/Teacher Communication:

Email is the most effective way for us to communicate with each other. I check my email before school and at the end of each school day. If something comes up that needs immediate attention/response during the school day please call the office. If you would like to schedule a phone or virtual meeting, please send me an email.

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**It's going to be an amazing year!**

**Thank you  
for coming!**

