



WELCOME

TO 1ST GRADE!

First grade is going to be a rich and rewarding year for us all!

ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Kristin Bishop, Principal

Matthew Gonzales, Assistant Principal

Emily Rollins, Secretary

Rebecca Smith, Office Manager

Julianne Kirby, School Nurse

Diana Dalton- PTA President

MADISON SWINTON



TAMARA WHITMIRE



Annie



Desiree GRIGGS



SPECIALS



Coach Hall



Coach Meger



Art- Mrs.
Rodriguez



Music- Ms.
Bearden

PE Note:

Please make sure to wear tennis shoes to PE.

meet the

Counselor

Mrs.

Christenson

Hello!

I am so excited to work with all students again this year! I will see students every other week in guidance lessons with their class. During guidance lessons, I will cover topics like social skills, character-building, peer pressure, decision-making skills, friendship, conflict resolution and more. I also am here to provide a listening ear for individual students who may come to me for extra support and encouragement. Individual and group sessions can be provided on a referral basis from teachers, parents, and even the students themselves. I'm here to help and support kids and their families!

Reach out!

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meet the

Instructional

Specialist

Mrs.

Ferenschuetz

Reach out!

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Hello!

As the Instructional Specialist, I pull students for interventions and teach some groups of Dyslexic students.. I also lead 504 meetings. If you have questions about 504 or Dyslexia, please reach out and I would be happy to help!



meet the

*Dyslexia Support
Teacher*

Mrs. Luster

Reach out!

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Hello!

As the Dyslexia Support teacher, I am involved in the screening and evaluation process of dyslexia. I also teach students with dyslexia using a program called Take Flight.

I also pull intervention groups and get to work with students from all grade levels. Let me know if you have any questions, and I'd be happy to help!

COMMUNICATION

- Weekly email will direct you to the grade level website page. (will be sent on Monday)
- Website will be updated weekly with:
 - What we're learning each week
 - Important reminders/upcoming events
 - Links for sign-ups
- Green go folder
- Agendas
 - Please check daily for teacher notes and what we learned for the day

GREEN GO FOLDER

- To be taken home every day and brought back to school every day.
- For notes, homework, calendars, etc.
- Any notes that you may have for the teacher, please send in this folder
- Check DAILY!
- Tuesdays- check for school newsletters, notes from PTA, etc.

Homework

- Math and Spelling homework assigned once a week
 - Will be in the green go folder
- Nightly reading *Do 5 nights a week!*
 - 15-20 minutes
 - Books in reading bags
- Reading log will be in their green folder

INQUIRY AND INNOVATION

- Combination of both science and social studies
- Focus on 4 Cs
 - Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Creativity
- Engineering lessons
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READING/WRITING

- Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt's (HMH) Into Reading
 - Provides a variety of literature that we will read together
- We will explore many other supplemental material in addition to student readers
- Rigby Readers and Literacy Footprints

HANDWRITING

- Handwriting Without Tears
- We will practice this style of handwriting, but students will be exposed to many types of prints
- Please use lined paper for any word work or writing assignments

MATH

- Our student goals are:
 - Build a **solid foundation** of basic understandings of mathematical concepts
 - Learn to **express mathematical ideas clearly** through speaking, writing, demonstrating, and depicting them visually
 - To solve problems using a **variety of strategies**
 - Fact fluency! (Practice at home)
- We use a variety of resources in Plano ISD
 - enVision Math by Scott Foresman and Investigations

PBIS

Positive Behavior Support is a process for teaching children appropriate behavior and providing the supports necessary to sustain that behavior.

PBIS is not a curriculum- it is a framework for systems to identify needs, develop strategies, and evaluate practice toward success.

- Patriot Points

TESTING DATES

- MAP Math and Reading (computer based)
Measure of Academic Progress
 - August 22-26
 - December 6-9
 - May 8-11
- mClass
 - September 6-16
 - January 9-20
 - April 25-May 5
- Reading Records (August, January, April)
- Cogat
 - September 26-October 14

TESTING TIPS

- PLEASE make sure your child gets plenty of sleep the night before
- Help them have a healthy filling breakfast
- Breakfast is available at school beginning at 7am (\$1.75)
- Help them understand they know what they need to know and not to worry!

TECHNOLOGY

- Each child has a designated chromebook at school
- Some assignments will be on the computer
 - Seesaw
 - Google Classroom
- Feel free to send your own (labeled) headphones
- Student's WebDesk can be accessed at home
 - Webdesk.pisd.edu

MORNING SNACK & WATER BOTTLE

- A healthy snack and a small water bottle
 - We eat snack around 9am
 - Have water bottle labeled
 - For example: popcorn, carrot sticks, crackers, granola bars, fruit, etc.

BIRTHDAYS

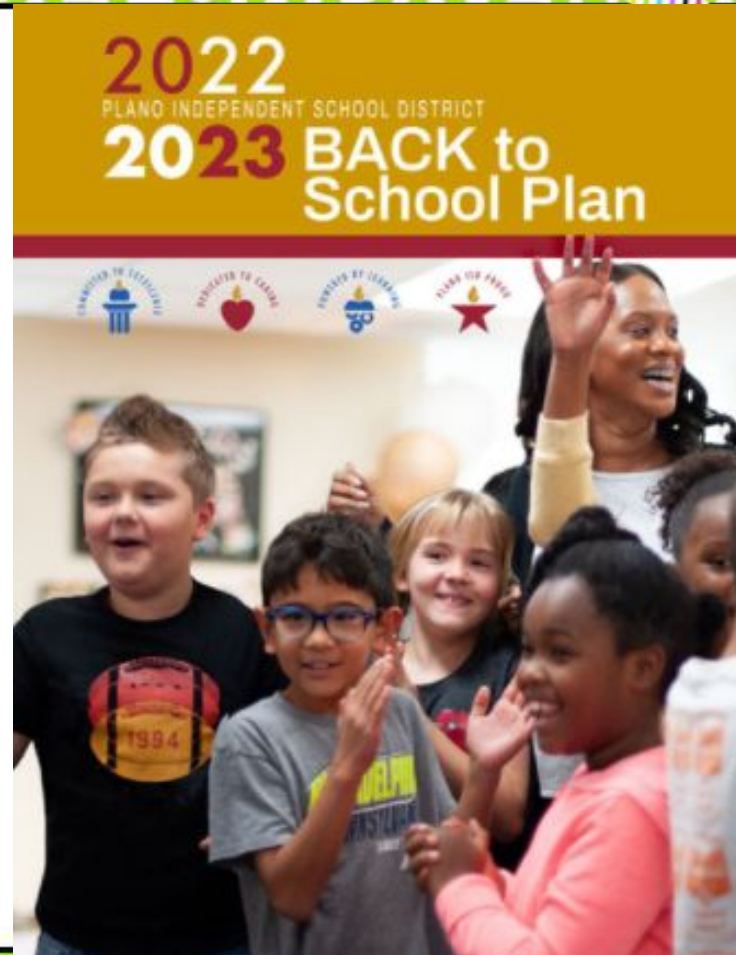
- Celebrated at the end of the day
 - District policy- No birthday can be celebrated during lunch
- If you wish to send treats- we are back to normal
 - Treats do not have to be individually packaged
- Please let your child's teacher know in advance!

VOLUNTEERS

- Must complete a background check!
 - www.pisd.edu/Page/1605
- We will have a schedule for volunteers at the school (more information to come!)
 - Volunteers need to be pre-arranged
- Somethings that we may need
 - Help preparing activities
 - Help with bulletin boards
 - Reading Buddies
 - Handwriting Buddies

PISD Back to School Plan 2022-2023

[https://www.pisd.edu
backtoschoolplan](https://www.pisd.edu/backtoschoolplan)



Reminders

- Please bring a **change of clothes** to leave in their locker inside a labeled gallon size baggie!
- **Please** LABEL all of your child's things: coats, lunchboxes, water bottles, etc
- Morning
 - We begin learning at 7:40!
 - Doors to the building open at 7:00
 - Breakfast is served starting at 7:00

Reminders

- PLEASE send a note or email by 1:30 if there are ANY changes in the normal mode of transportation home.
- We **WILL NOT** send a child home with a friend, relative, etc. **without YOUR WRITTEN PERMISSION!**
- If it is after 1:30, call the front office, 469-752-3100



94.6%

of Plano ISD
GRADUATES
Pursue Higher
Education

In the 2015
National Merit
Scholarship Program,

74 seniors
earned finalist standing

50 families and
200
INDIVIDUALS

participated in Plano
Family Literacy School
classes last year

36,000+
STUDENTS

have taken high school
classes

ONLINE
SINCE 2001

Plano Academic and Creative Education (PACE)

A program for students
who require gifted
services



PACE is similar to Special Education in that it is an enrichment service designed to meet the needs of a different kind of learner.

PACE is not an Honors program.

Students requiring gifted services may...

- perform two grade levels above current grade
- learn exceptionally fast
- need only one to two repetitions for mastery
- thrive on complexity
- arrive at solutions in an unusual manner

If you have a child that you believe may need PACE services:

1. Notify your child's teacher or the campus gifted specialist.
2. Complete an online referral packet. Request a hard copy if needed.
3. Referral packets are due **October 21**.
4. Testing procedures will be communicated after the referral deadline.
5. If your student participated in a gifted program at their previous school, please contact the Gifted Specialist for next steps. This communication is due to the Specialist by **August 22**.

Please contact the campus gifted specialist for specific details about the PACE program.

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QUESTIONS?



**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US
AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A
GREAT YEAR!**