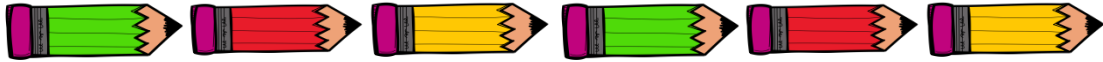


# Welcome to First Grade!



Dear First Grade Parents and Students,

I hope you are enjoying your summer break! My name is Becky Skyles and I will be the first grade teacher this year. I am so excited to be back full-time in the classroom with your first graders at Grace! If you have been a part of the Grace family long, you may have heard my name as I have been around campus as a substitute teacher, a volleyball coach, a Sunday School teacher, and a School Board member. Before I decided to stay home with my kids, I taught second grade for 5 years. My husband works as a Controller at a construction company and is a CPA. We love to travel, hike, and enjoy God's beautiful creation with our three children! Emily is starting college this year, Rachel is going into her sophomore year of high school, and Timothy is going into 6th grade here at Grace.

This year the first graders will become detectives and discover the "clues" and resources around us that help us learn! We are going to move forward in faith as we study God's word and learn of His great love for us. Students will enhance their thinking, verbal, and writing skills as they learn to work in groups, partnerships, or individually. We will develop our reading, language, and math skills, and expand our knowledge of the world around us through science and social studies.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

In His Service,

Becky Skyles