



Welcome to First Grade

where we play, learn, and grow together



MOUNTAIN VIEW
ELEMENTARY PTA

PTA every child has a voice



Membership Matters

Your PTA Membership Dues enhance the Excellence and Quality of Education at Mountain View:

- Online Mathematics Programs
- Online Reading Resources
- Document Cameras for Classroom Instruction
- Art, Music & Physical Education Support
- Teacher-requested Curriculum Materials for K-5th grades
- Subscriptions to *Time for Kids*, *USA Weekly*, & *Georgia Weekly*
- Student Agendas/Planners for 3rd-5th grades
- Enrichment Materials for Special Education, Target, Speech & Language, and Guidance
- Additional Supplies for our Amazing Building, School Clinic, & Cafeteria Staff
- Family Engagement Activities (e.g., Fall Festival, Science Night & Bingo Night)

Thank you! Together, we make a difference!



Membership Matters

Your Foundation Membership Dues support Science, Technology & Enrichment Programming:

- Technology Teacher
- Computer Lab
- STEM Teacher
- Science Enrichment and Materials
- Ongoing Teacher Development & Education
- Planning for After-School Enrichment Programs

How do I get informed and involved with PTA & Foundation?

- ☑ Subscribe, Receive & Read *Pawprints* - our weekly PTA e-newsletter at mountainviewpta.org
It's all in here:



- ☑ Visit us on-line – Click on PTA or Foundation links from Mountain View Elementary website:
 - www.mountainviewpta.org
 - www.mtnviewfoundation.org
- ☑ Find out about Volunteer Opportunities!
 - Contact president@mountainviewpta.org or president@mtnviewfoundation.org



Meet the First Grade Teachers:

Katie Beese
Ashley Bollinger
Courtney Kopriva
Kari Lieber
Laura Norris
Peyton Provost
Shelby Russell
Shelly Taylor



A Day in the Life of a 1st Grader:

The school bell rings at 7:50 a.m. but we are ready to welcome your children into our classrooms as early as 7:20 a.m..

This is a nice time for students to unpack, get started on morning work, build with STEM materials, and socialize with their friends.

Please do not drop children off at school prior to 7:20 a.m. as there is no supervision for them outdoors. For the safety of our students, they may not enter the building any earlier than 7:20 a.m..



1st Grade Sample Schedule:

Unpack, Morning Work, Attendance, Announcements

Daily W.I.N. Time

Reading

Specials - PE, Art, Computer Lab, Music, or STEM

ELA – Phonics, Grammar & Writing

*LUNCH

Science/Social Studies

Read Aloud

Math

Pack Up

Dismissal

*You are welcome
to join your
children for lunch
beginning on 8/15

Recess

10:10 a.m.

11:30 a.m.


1:20 p.m.



Reading

Daily lessons and engaging activities that focus on the five pillars of reading instruction:

- phonemic awareness
- phonics
- vocabulary
- fluency
- comprehension



Phonics

*Explicit phonics instruction is based on structured literacy practices. Our K-2 teachers are trained, or in the process of being trained, in using Orton-Gillingham strategies that help students learn and use the 44 sounds in our English language.

*Daily sentence dictation plays an important role in the acquisition of phonics and writing skills. In addition to phonics, dictation helps develop writing conventions, grammar, and spelling skills.

Writing

Writing Workshop Model

- *Narrative
- *Informational
- *Opinion



Students write daily, and they conference with peers & teachers. We give students many opportunities to share and celebrate their writing.



Math

- *Number Talks – These discussions help students explain their math thinking.
- *Guided Math - Whole & small group instruction
- *Differentiated Math Stations are based on student abilities and are designed to reinforce and extend individual math skills.
- *We use a lot of hands-on math manipulatives!



Social Studies

We study the character traits & contributions of:

- Benjamin Franklin
- George Washington Carver
- Lewis & Clark
- Sacagawea
- Ruby Bridges
- Thomas Jefferson & Theodore Roosevelt

There will be an occasional at home project about these historical figures.



Science

- Weather
- Sound
- Plants
- Animals
- Magnets
- STEM



Homework

Reading & Sight Word Practice:

There are approximately 200 sight words for your children to practice and learn to read with automaticity. We call these words "trick" words. We will be sending home word lists the 2nd week of school, with a list of suggested activities to help your child learn these words. Also, please spend 20 minutes each night reading with your child.

Math & Language Arts Spiral Review:

On Monday through Thursdays, every student at Mountain View will complete a 2-sided math and grammar spiral review. At the beginning of the year we will complete this in class. Later in the year, the spiral review will become nightly homework.



Important Things to Know

Independence

First grade is all about independence. We expect a great deal from your child each day! Please *encourage* independence at home as well.

For example, make sure your child is responsible for their own take home folder, books, snacks, and water bottle; and that these items are in their backpack for school each morning.



Snack, Lunch & Water Bottles

Snack: Please send a healthy snack to school with your child each day. Items that are easy to open and eat are best. Some suggestions are snack or granola bars, fruit, or cheese and crackers.

Lunch: It's not uncommon for our 1st grade students to eat very little the first few days of the school year. Lunch is a very social and exciting time for our friends.

Water: Please send a water bottle to school with your child each day to help keep them hydrated. Reusable bottles are great, and we really appreciate easy to open sports caps (or flip straws) that stay attached to the bottles.



The Take Home Folder

This is the way we communicate with you every day.

Please check this folder daily for classwork, any homework, and the daily behavior calendar. We are asking that you initial the box and empty the folder each night.

*Also, please use the take home folder for sending in teacher notes, forms, changes in dismissal, or anything else you need us to be aware of.



Attendance

If your child is absent for any reason, please send in a note/email stating the date(s) and reason for the absence.

Attendance Policy

Regular and consistent attendance is important for students and their academic progress. Mountain View follows the county's attendance policy with the following procedures:

- Three (3) unexcused absences: Teachers will communicate with parents regarding student attendance via CTLS, phone, or a parent/teacher conference.
- Five (5) unexcused absences: A letter to parents will be sent from administration.
- Seven (7) unexcused absences: A School Social Work referral will be generated.



Afternoon Checkouts

If you need to take your child out of class, please do so prior to 1:45 p.m..
Any time after 1:45 is a very busy time for the front office,
as we are preparing for afternoon dismissal.

Transportation Changes

Should you need to change your child's afternoon dismissal, please send a written note to the classroom teacher that morning.

Transportation changes cannot be made by emailing or messaging a teacher during the school day. If the teacher is absent, he or she may not receive your email until after the date that the change is needed. If a dismissal change occurs during the day, please contact our office @770-578-7265 by 1:45.

ASP changes can be made via telephone; however, changes to bus or car will need to be emailed or faxed to whomever you speak with in our office.



Car Rider Reminders

Reminders for the first week:

- The car line will take longer the first week of school.
- Students should know their grade level and last name.
- Students will not be dismissed to parents without a car tag. Parents without car tags must park and come into the office with their identification.
- Walkers will be dismissed at approximately 2:30 p.m., once most cars have gone.
- Students that are not picked up by 2:35 p.m. will be sent to ASP.



Car Rider Procedures

Car Rider Procedures are posted on our school website:

<https://www.cobbk12.org/mtview/page/19250/car-rider-procedures>

Initial car tags will be available at the Car Rider Table, located in the upper mezzanine, across from the Learning Commons.

At this time, as supplies are limited, we are creating one car tag, per family. If your family needs a second tag, please fill out the pink forms, located in our classrooms, and turn into the Car Rider Table, the front office, or to your student's teacher."



ASP

If students not picked up when carpool ends at 2:40 p.m., they will be checked into our After School Program (ASP). This is for the safety of all students. When students are brought back due to an adult not being at the bus stop, if they are not picked up from the office within 10 minutes they will be placed into ASP. If students are not picked up from clubs or the extended day program, they will be placed into ASP.

*There is a \$20 registration fee that parents will be charged if/when their student stays in ASP the first time. There is also a \$10 per day fee.



Volunteer Requirements

Anyone who volunteers in the school is required to watch a training video and complete a form stating they have been trained. Information about the video and form is in the CCSD folder which you will be taking home today. It is also posted on the school website.

Conference Week

October 17-21, 2022 (early release will be at 12:20 p.m. each day)



Birthdays

Birthdays are awesome and we love to celebrate them!

- All birthday treats can be ordered through the school cafeteria, or you can send in store bought treats. It would be helpful if you could make us aware a few days ahead of time. We will be able to let you know the number of students in the class, as well as any allergies to note.
- We ask that you do not send party invitations to school unless the entire class is included. We want to make sure that we are mindful of everyone's feelings.



ParentVue & CTLS Parent

ParentVue allows you to add or modify the ways in which you want Cobb County Schools to reach you using CTLS Parent. ParentVue is also where you will find your child's report card at the end of each quarter.

All communication from teachers, Mountain View, and CCSD is sent through CTLS Parent.

*Login information is available in the front office if you have not set-up your account on ParentVue.



Thank you for joining us today.
We are looking forward to a great year!

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