

# Welcome!

## To First Grade at P.E.S.

August 20, 2018

Dear Parent(s),

We are about to embark on a magnificent school year at Paonia Elementary. I am so excited to be back teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade again. I look forward to working with you and your child during this incredible journey.

My goal for your child will be, to provide and establish a community of **curious** and enthusiastically **engaged thinkers** and **learners**. They will be developing strong thinking skills, creating a positive attitude toward learning and understanding more about each other, themselves, and the world around them.

I know it's so important at the beginning of the year to help the children feel at home in the classroom and come together into a learning community. This 1<sup>st</sup> grade community is made up of unique individuals, each with his or her own learning style, strength, interests, history, hopes, and dreams. We will be creating **together** a "Social Contract" which is our "First Grade Promise" of how we need to interact with one another in our classroom and school.

Would you please help me by taking a moment to write about your child by filling out the attached paper to let me know your child's interests, hopes and dreams for this year. Please feel free to let me know anything else that would be important for me to know about your child!

I am going to have a snack time after their morning specials in order to refuel their bodies and brains. I am

asking for parents to help with this by sending in \$5.00 or enough "healthy" snacks for 25 students. Some snacks we've had in the past have been pretzels, graham crackers, fruit snacks, Cheez It crackers, cheese sticks, etc. Also, please send a water bottle for your child so we can keep them hydrated and cool during this summer heat.

Teamwork is important to our school and we love to have parents come in and volunteer! In order to volunteer, all parents must have approval by the District Office. Even if you have volunteered last year, you'll need to stop by the PES office and ask for a volunteer form to fill out that will be sent to the District Office. Also, be sure to fill out my Class Volunteer form that will allow you to help in other ways too.

Please know that I am here for you and your child. Open communication between the school and home is essential for helping your child be successful. Please feel free to contact me by phone, 527-3639 or email, [emily.horn@deltaschools.com](mailto:emily.horn@deltaschools.com), write a note, or schedule a meeting with me if you ever have any concerns or questions. I want them to look forward to and enjoy school. I am so excited for a "Turtleriffic" year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Horn