

# Welcome to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade!



# About Mrs. Vella

I am a mother to a combo of bio and step kids totaling 9, and grandkids totalling 19. Besides loving my family, and friends I absolutely love teaching!!!



# About Funding

## Title 1 Program

- This is a federally funded program based on the numbers of economically disadvantaged students at the school.
- Economically disadvantaged is determined by the free/reduced lunch population at the school.
- Quest is a “targeted assistance” school which means we receive money that must be spent ONLY on students targeted for help in reading and/or math (Students who are served in these content areas do not need to qualify for free/reduced lunch).
- Quest Title 1 funds support our reading and math intervention programs.

## Teacher Qualifications

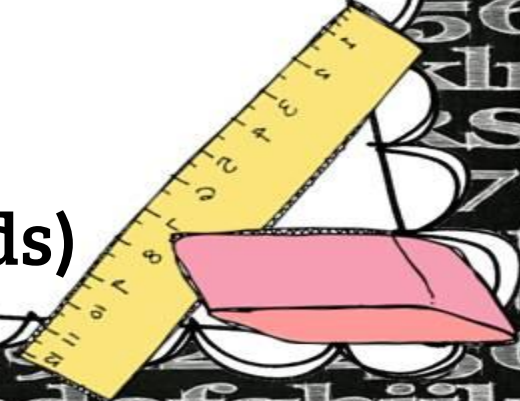
Parents have the right to request and receive information on the qualifications of their child’s teachers. If you would like this information, feel free to contact Dr. Dave at [dbullock@questac.org](mailto:dbullock@questac.org) or 801-731-9859.



# Homework

Homework will consist of:

- ◆ Math review
- ◆ Math fluency
- ◆ Reading (20 minutes per day)
- ◆ Reading Fluency
- ◆ Spelling (Phonics and Sight Words)

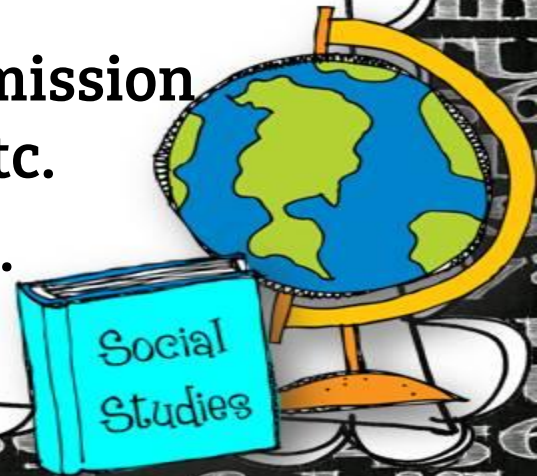


# Take Home Communication Folder (Green Folder)

**Stay at home pocket:** completed assignments,  
letters to parents, flyers, etc.

**Return to school pocket:** homework, permission  
slips, incomplete work, questionnaires, etc.

**Please check this folder DAILY.**



# Class Blog

My Blog and Class DoJo are my primary forms of communication. Please check them frequently. I recommend that you **SUBSCRIBE** and then bookmark both of them.

[Mrs. Vella's Class Blog](#)

# Grading

**Students will receive grades for the mastery of standards in all subject areas.**

**Assessing for mastery will help us know:**

**if students need additional help,**

**if students are proficient,**

**or if students need further enrichment.**



# Birthdays

We will have a birthday celebration in class.

I generally celebrate summer birthdays at the 6 month mark during the school year.





# Field Trips and Class Parties

## Field Trips

- Hogle Zoo (September)
- Ogden Nature Center- in class (Fall and Spring)
- Hill Aerospace Museum (May)

## Parties

- Halloween (October)
- Christmas (December)
- Valentines (February)
- End of Year Party (May)

Click [here](#) to sign our yearly permission slip.



# Parent Volunteers

We love our parent volunteers for:

STEM projects

Reading

Work at home

Math Fluency

Class Parties

Field Trips

Copies

One on One Help

**WATCH for sign-ups on our blog and  
Class Dojo!**



# Drop Off

Students may enter the building after 8:00am. They are then expected to go to the playground area.

We will bring the students in at 8:25am.

Late bell rings at 8:30am.

(On the first day of school, you are welcome to bring your child into the classroom.)

Remember the  
Golden Rule





# Pick Up

**Our class is assigned to exit the east side doors.**

**For the first few days we will take the class to the trees just down from the kindergarten door.**

**Please talk with your child about where their ride or other students will be meeting them.**



# The First Few Weeks

**First Grade= BIG CHANGE for your child**

Due to:

- Longer school schedule
- Increased expectations & independence
- Unfamiliar surroundings, people, rules, etc.

# The First Few Weeks

How to help with the transition:

**\*Monitor Sleep (Early, consistent bedtimes)**

**\*Be Encouraging**

**\*Healthy Meals (Breakfast!)**

**\*Consistent Attendance**



# Contact Information

Please feel free to contact me in the future  
with any questions.

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**Who:** Parents & guardians of Quest Academy students (*you*).

**What:** Enhance kids' education & school community through activities & events.

**Why:** Because we care about our kids' educational experience.

***Stop by the POQA table for free Cookies!***

**VOLUNTEERS:** We can't do anything without your help! Sign-ups @ POQA table

**FUNDRAISING:** Students will be selling cookies & jerky this year to pay for all the awesome events, activities, & clubs. Info will be sent home with students Aug 28.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** Sign-up sheets for interested students @ POQA table

**MERCHANDISE:** Check out the awesome school swag and new shirts!

