



Welcome to First Grade!
Meet your teacher:
Mrs. Radlinski

Hello, my name is Mrs. Radlinski (formerly Ms. Koehn) and I will be your first-grade teacher! This will be my fourth year at Vista and 12th year in education! I have previously taught first grade in Chicago, taught English in France and also spent two years as an interventionist at another NHA school.

I am absolutely thrilled to be teaching first grade because it is such a fun year! Teaching children to read and to LOVE reading is very important to me. I spend a lot of my free time reading, and I hope to pass along this love of books to your child. When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my family, friends and new husband. (I got married this summer!) I have four younger siblings and three nieces. I absolutely love being an Aunt! I also enjoy working out, traveling and practicing my French.

My favorite thing about teaching first grade is watching my students become amazing readers and writers. It is truly a joy to watch my students work hard and see how much they grow academically through the year. I look forward to meeting your child soon. We are going to have a great year together!

Supply list:

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| Art shirt with name on it | Gym shoes |
| 2 - 24 count of Crayola crayons | Earbuds/headphones |
| 2- Rolls of Paper Towel | 4 black EXPO Markers |
| Backpack with name on it | 2 - Homework Folders |
| 1 - 12 count of Crayola colored pencils | |
| 3 – Container of Lysol Wipes | |
| 2 – Bottles of Hand Sanitizer | |
| 2 – Boxes Kleenex (Tissue) | |
| 1 pk of 24 Crayola Crayons (labeled Art) | |

All supplies will be community and will be shared amongst the class except for art shirts, gym shoes and earbuds!

First Grade “Highlights”

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Exciting Opportunities

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A Standard of Excellence

The First Grade team is very focused on making sure your child meets all of their educational objectives. We take pride in giving every student the best educational experience and we do this by teaching the students at their own individual level. We work closely with one another to plan strategies and resources that will best meet the state objectives as well as the needs of our students.

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Mrs. Kozlowski

Hello, my name is Mrs. Allison Kozlowski and I teach first grade! I am a graduate of Grand Valley State University with a major in English Language Arts and a minor in Elementary Education. This summer, I received my Master's Degree in Special Education. This year will be my 2nd year teaching at Vista Charter Academy, my 4th year teaching, and 8th year in education!

I am so excited to begin my 2nd year of teaching first grade here at Vista. Vista provides the students and staff with everything we need so that we can focus on learning and having fun! I am passionate about building positive relationships with my students and families to help create a safe and fun learning environment for all. When I'm not at school I love to be with my family; I have been married to my husband John for 9 years, and we have two children together; Jackson (3) and Jameson (6 months). We enjoy spending time at Gun Lake and being together with our families. My favorite thing about teaching first grade is being able to watch my students grow and learn. I am so excited to meet your child and have a great year!

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All items except for their backpacks, art shirts and gym shoes will be community. I will store and share items for each child as needed throughout the entire year. Thank you!

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| 1- Art Shirt (with their name on it) | 1- Backpack (with their name on it) |
| 1- Pair of gym shoes (with their name on them) | 3- Boxes Kleenex |
| 1- Pack Markers | 12 count colored pencils |
| 2- bottle Elmer's glue | 3- 24 count crayon boxes |
| 8 - black expo markers | |
| 1-pk of 24 Crayola Crayons (labeled Art) | 1- pair headphones/ear buds (in a bag) |
| 3- containers of Lysol Wipes | 1- pink Papermate eraser |
| 1- bottle hand sanitizer | |
| 4 - 2 pocket, 3 prong folders (1 blue,1 green,1 purple, 1 red) | |

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Mr. Nanninga

Hello Vista Charter Family. My name is Matt Nanninga and I am a new first-grade teacher here at Vista Charter Academy. I am originally from Saranac, MI. I spent 17 years working in Global Sales for Amway Corporation in Ada, Michigan. 5 years ago my wife and I decided it was time to follow my dream of becoming a teacher. My wife Cassie and I have been married for 13 years. Together we have 3 children. Kayleigh is 10 years old and in the seventh grade. I also have twin boys, Ethan and Evan who are 9 and entering the fifth grade. I obtained my Bachelor's Degree from Indiana Wesleyan University where my major was Business Management and my minor was in Religious Studies. I obtained my Masters of Arts in Teaching from the University of Southern California. I have spent the last two years teaching first-grade in Charleston, SC. I absolutely loved the warmth and history in Charleston, but I am very excited to be home in Michigan. In my spare time I love to spend time with my family. We love to travel, play sports and spend time outdoors together. I look forward to working with our scholars this year and helping them take their next step in their academic journey.

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| 2 - 24 count of Yellow #2 pencils | Art shirt with name on it |
| 2 - 24 count of Crayola crayons | Gym shoes |
| 2- Rolls of Paper Towel | Backpack with name on it |
| 1 - 12 count of Crayola colored pencils | 4 black EXPO Markers |
| 1 - 1" or 1 1/2" white binder with name on outside | 3 - Homework Folders |
| 1 - 1 Subject 70 sheet spiral notebook | 1 - Container of Lysol Wipes |
| 2 - Boxes Kleenex (Tissue) | 2 - Bottles of Hand Sanitizer |
| 1 pk of 24 Crayola Crayons (labeled Art) | |

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