

Welcome to Arches Academy First Grade! My name is Mrs. Issa and I am SO excited to be your teacher this year. It is going to be a fun year full of learning and adventure. I can't wait to tell you a few things about me

I was born and raised in Provo, Utah. I am the baby of the family with 1 older sister and 2 older brothers. I graduated from Provo High and moved to Richfield, Utah when I was 19 where I met and married the love of my life. We have been married for over 33 years and we have 3 amazing kids and 4 even more amazing grandkids. I attended SUU and obtained my B.A. in Elementary Education with a reading endorsement and my M.A. in Elementary Education with a reading minor.

I have been working in the school system for over 24 years and have been teaching for 20 years. I taught Kindergarten 3 years and I have taught First Grade for 16 years. This will be my tenth year at Arches Academy and it has been the best experience of my teaching career!! Arches is such an amazing place.

We will learn so much over the school year. We will be doing some fun hand-ons culminating activity after every unit in social studies and science. Some of them will include a character parade, mummifying project for our Egypt unit. Astrology and the constellations, zoologist, patriotic program, and a Lewis and Clark Adventure. All of our math we learn with hands-on activities and games. First graders need to see and feel even in math to make a connection. For our language arts we do centers every day that allow the students to once again, learn with hands-on activities after the lesson has been taught. Your child will read one on one with me every day to get that individualized time that they need to not only learn how to read, but to also learn why we read. We will do many other fun activities throughout the year. An apple investigation, Pumpkins, turkey callers, Polar Express, making homemade ice snowflakes, Valentines origami, Leprechaun hunt, Easter hunt, and a spring bug unit. We will be learning the writing process and writing many stories.

We love going on field trips to help enhance the learning of first grader curious minds. Some of the field trips we go on are farm fields, the aquarium, curiosity museum, and the zoo. You will be the smartest first graders around. I can't wait to see all my students and I hope that you are ready for a fun but challenging year. You are going to grow and learn so much.

#### A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

Favorite color: purple

Favorite Season: fall

Favorite Holiday: Halloween/Christmas

Favorite Drink: Water

Favorite Food: Pizza/Sushi

Favorite Sport: Football

Favorite Book: Harry Potter/To Kill a Mockingbird

