

WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE!

MEET MRS. PASQUEL



My name is Alejandra Pasquel (pronounced *Paskel*), and I'm thrilled to be your teacher this year! I can't wait to meet you and get to know your family. In the meantime, here's a little about me:

This is my fourth year teaching first grade, and I absolutely love it! I was born in Quito, Ecuador, and I'm a proud graduate of both UVA and George Mason University. I live with my husband Dan, our 3-year-old daughter Emma, and our dog Maya. We're also excited to be welcoming a new baby to our family in 2026! When I'm not in the classroom, I enjoy running and reading.

I aim to build a positive classroom community that is fun, joyful, safe, and inclusive to all learners. Each year, I'm inspired by my students' sense of wonder and their eagerness to explore the world around them. I truly love learning alongside them and watching them grow—both academically and socially.

This will be a great year full of learning and new experiences! In first grade, we'll focus on building strong foundations in reading, writing, communication, and critical thinking. We'll also dive into hands-on learning in math, science, social studies, and more—all while developing friendships and learning how to work together as a team.

You are invited to our in-person Open House on **Thursday, August 14**. You can come to Room 6019 during your assigned time based on your last name (A-H 1 p.m., I-R 2 p.m., S-Z 3 p.m.). We'll have a chance to meet each other, and you'll get to see our classroom! If you have school supplies ready it is helpful to bring them with you that day. Your grownups will be able to help you sort through some of the things you'll need. Remember: Our first day of school is **Monday, August 18!** Before then, please ask your grownup to complete our **dismissal form** ([click here](#)) to let us know how you will go home the first day of school. I look forward to a great year, and I can't wait to get to know all of you!