

Dear first graders and families,

Welcome to a wonderful year in first grade! We are so excited for a fantastic year. This year will be very special because you will have two teachers instead of one; you are very lucky! You will get to spend your days with Ms. Jacobsen and Mrs. Girten.

My name is Natalie Jacobsen and I will be teaching reading and writing. This is my seventh year teaching Elementary school and my third year at Carson. I have had a very exciting summer break. I spent two weeks traveling in France, Switzerland and Italy. It was so exciting to see new places, practice many languages and spend time with my Italian friends in Venice. I am originally from Minnesota, so I also spent a couple weeks enjoying the lake and hanging out with my family in Minnesota. I love Colorado and enjoy skiing, hiking, biking, camping and just enjoying the CO sunshine! I love teaching first grade and have a passion for literacy, so I can't wait to help your children grow as readers and writers!

My name is Holly Girten and I will be your math, science and social studies teacher. This will be my fourth year teaching first grade at Carson! I have had a busy, but fantastic summer traveling to New York City, Boston, and New Hampshire, going to classes (teachers have school too!) and spending time with friends and family. When I'm not at school, I'm often walking my dog, Tucker. In first grade, you will hear lots of stories about Tucker. I also like camping, hiking, going to the mountains, relaxing with my husband and trying new recipes and foods. I'm so excited to see you on the first day and start a great year learning new math games, completing science projects, and learning about our community and maps!

We have enclosed a survey for you to fill out so that we can get to know your child better and give you the opportunity to let us know of any special considerations we might need to be aware of right away. Please return this form on the first day of school, or at your earliest convenience. We have also enclosed a nametag; please write your child's name and where they need to be for dismissal on the first day of school (i.e. Bus, Kaleidoscope, playground pickup). This is really important to help avoid any confusion (and tears) on the first day, so please make sure your child is wearing their nametag when they arrive on their first day! Students are able to bring a water bottle to school, but please make sure it is clearly labeled with their name.

We really look forward to a fabulous year in first grade! We have been working hard together to ensure that your student has the best experience possible. Please look for future information about an upcoming back to school night. We will be available for questions and will be going over important information for first graders.

Please feel free to contact us at anytime!

We look forward to meeting you,  
Ms. Jacobsen and Mrs. Girten