

Welcome to First Grade!



My name is Mrs. Hixson and I am your First Grade Teacher this year!

This is my third year with Portland Public Schools and I **love** being a part of the **Oakwood Elementary family!** I **am so excited** to have you in my room this year because you are going to bring something **special** to the classroom for us to learn about and enjoy: **YOU!** We all have different backgrounds and experiences, and that is something to be **celebrated!** Some things I hope you bring to our classroom this year are: a **smile**, a **positive attitude**, and your **best efforts!** We will make mistakes but that is a part of growing, and I plan to do **A LOT of growing** with you all throughout the year!

I have a **classroom website** that I will utilize throughout the year for newsletters, information regarding events, due dates, schedules, and other important information:
www.mrshixsonsclassroom.weebly.com
and it will be my first year trying out ClassTag to help with communication :)

Some fast facts about me:

- I am from Shelby Township which is located in Metro Detroit
- I fell in love with the Mid-Michigan area while I received my Bachelor's degree from **Michigan State University...Go Green!**
- **Dogs** are my favorite animal
- I love to **read!**
- I am a **Disney** enthusiast :)
- I got married in April! (anything with the name "Waller" is also me!)
- I am currently working on my Master's in Literacy and Language through MSU!

I look forward to getting to know you and I **know that we are going to have a great year!** Feel free to email me (kwaller@portlandk12.org) if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to say hello!

See you soon!

- Mrs. Hixson

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 8/19 - Oakwood, Westwood & Middle School
Open House - My room: B-112
Wednesday 8/21 - First Day of School - ½ Day!

Student Items to Bring:

You should have already received the General First Grade List of Items, but here are some classroom-specific items for you to bring:

- Folder to use for communicating info to and from school
- Scissors

Optional (and Appreciated!) Items:

- Clorox/Lysol Wipes
- Snacks for our class snack reservoir

