

WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE!

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Sycolin Creek! If you are new here, I am so excited to welcome you to our wonderful community of families, teachers, and staff. My name is Columbia Wajsgras (pronounced WAYS-GRASS), and this will be my third year teaching at Sycolin Creek. Having already taught Kindergarten for two years, I will be moving up with the kindergarten students into their next academic endeavor. First grade will be an exciting year to see your child grow as a reader and mathematician, and I am eager to facilitate so much growth in this fun-filled grade. It is an amazing opportunity to get to be your child's teacher again or for the first time!

Before coming to Loudoun County, I taught elementary school in Seattle, WA, including 1st and 2nd grade. I received my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, with a minor in Special Education, from American University, in Washington, D.C. Originally, I am from Rhode Island, but currently live in Ashburn, VA.

My passion is teaching young learners and helping them grow to their fullest potential, while giving them the skills they need to be successful students and kind friends. I believe children learn by constructing their own knowledge of the world around them, and I am here to foster their curiosity and discovery. Additionally, I strive to make learning fun and engaging for your child, so they may develop a love for learning and school! This year, students will grow their knowledge, strengthen their reading and writing skills, and work collaboratively with their peers during hands-on learning.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns! My email is columbia.wajsgras@lcps.org. I am looking forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wajsgras

