



## Mrs. Yount's 1st Grade Firecrackers



Welcome to First Grade! My name is Lauren Yount and I am thrilled to teach your kiddo this year! This will be my first year with LIGHT Academy. I started my teaching career in Oklahoma right after graduating from Oklahoma Baptist University in 2017. After teaching in OKC for 4 years, my husband and I moved to Wichita in 2021 where I taught for USD 259 for 2 years. I have taught grades 3rd, 1st and Kindergarten.

My husband Jake wanted to help me find a way to stay home this year with my 1 year old daughter, Laken. When approached about teaching at LIGHT, I was a little nervous, but decided to go ahead and interview to see about the position. After interviewing, I fell in love with this school and just the hybrid aspect! I am excited to continue to teach and also be home more with my daughter.

I will do my best to communicate throughout the year and welcome you contacting me if you have any questions. I am here to partner with you on your homeschooling journey. For the workbooks, I will star pages that I have graded in class, I will put an H on the top of pages that need to be completed at home. I will not be grading homework pages. I will be checking to see if they have been completed.

In my classroom I do star of the week. Your student will take home Firecracker (a stuffed gnome that is USA themed) once in the fall and once in the spring. We will celebrate your kiddo for the whole week! The directions will be in the bag that will come home on a Wednesday and will need to be returned the following Monday.

## Resources/More Information

LIGHT website: <https://www.lightacademywichita.com/>

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LIGHT Office Number: 316-413-4333

GroupMe App: Find the group **Mrs. Yount's Firecrackers**  
Message the group, if it's for everyone. Message me directly, if it only involves you/your student.



### Weekly Newsletters:

I will post the weekly newsletter each Wednesday. I'll share Language Arts and math concepts for the week. Workbook pages completed at home are in **red** font; workbook pages done at school are in **black** font. *Anything that isn't completed at school is homework.* The newsletter also includes monthly Bible verse info, Spelling words, and finally, there are links, reminders and tips. Please read the newsletter fully to ensure you and your student are best prepared for the week ahead.

### Water Bottle:

Please send a labeled water bottle with your child, each day. It should only contain water. Flavor packets & other beverages should remain at home.

### Lunch:

Students staying for electives need to bring a lunch. Please keep in mind that there won't be student access to a refrigerator or microwave. Students will only be permitted to eat their own lunch items.

**Birthdays:**

I love birthdays and can't wait to celebrate your kiddos! If you would like to send a treat with your child for each of his/her classmates, you may do so the morning of the day of celebration!

**Office Hours:**

Because of such a short day, I won't be at the school in person longer than the school hours. However, I will do my best to respond quickly to your messages through GroupMe **Monday-Friday, 9a.m.-5p.m.** I like to be as prompt as possible. However, please allow a 24hr response period, for emails. Thanks so much!

I look forward to joining with you in teaching your child this year and can't wait for the fun to begin! I will see you all very soon!

Lauren Yount  
1st Grade Teacher