

ALPS Extended Learning

We want automaticity. Sight words, math facts, and handwriting should become second nature to them. This will strengthen their knowledge and smooth their transition to other grades.

Math

- Math work is in groups based on learning level.
- Sunshine Math for students to learn to solve more complex math problems,
- Addition and subtraction strategies and memorization.



Reading

- Groups/books based on learning level/need
- Novel study
- Comprehension focus



Writing

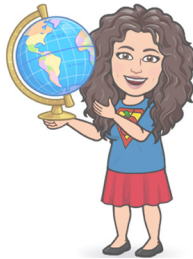
- Penmanship. Proper handwriting formation, many advanced students struggle in this area because their brains work so quickly it's hard to slow them down.
- Typing
- Revisions to make writing more engaging.

Science

- Hands-on learning
- Experiments

Social Studies

- Helping others
- Learning styles
- Super-hero traits



Sign Language

I include American Sign Language (ASL) to connect learning and give them the ability to help others. I hope it will give our ALPS students tools to befriend and help students with different learning levels and abilities.



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Preparing for 1st Grade ALPS

Play is how a child learns. So during the summer **have fun!** NOTHING special is required or expected to prepare for ALPS, but fun learning ideas include:

- Read to/with your child about all kinds of subjects.
- Talk about the math and reading which help you cook, clean, work.
- Playfully quiz child during car rides.
- Play games to build social skills and regulate emotions.

These activities build background knowledge.

16 Everyday Activities That Count as Learning



Communication

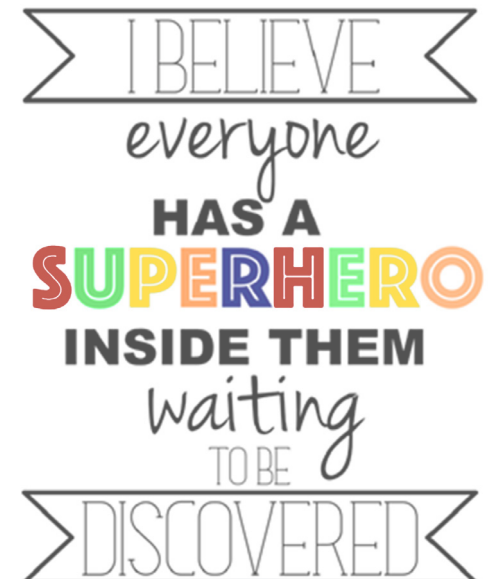
Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding your child. The best way to contact me is via email at: olympia.mortensen@jordandistrict.org



Why Super Heroes

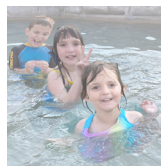
Super Heroes display many of the character traits we'd like to see in our students.

Heroes take risks, persevere through challenges, help those around them, and strive for their best!



Meet Ms. Mortensen

I'm a mom to 3 amazing kids!



Asher (9 y/o son)
Evie (8 y/o daughter)
Laurel (6 y/o daughter)



Name: Olympia Mortensen

Birthday: February 4th

Pets: Hazel (cat)
Presley (dog)
Lilly (tortoise)



Favorites

Colors: Bright Pink, Turquoise

Hobbies: Hiking, Reading, Sign Language

Food: Homemade Chicken-Noodle Soup

Drink: Strawberry Lemonade

Subjects: Science & Math



My Goals as a Teacher

- Help students feel safe and love learning.
- Encourage students to always do their best.
- Empower students to use their super strengths to help others.

Teaching Experience

I was an assistant/instructor for over 10 years. Then I graduated in Elementary Education from UTAH STATE—Go Aggies! I've taught 1st grade ALPS for 3 years, and I love it! I'm excited to learn and grow with you and your child.

Volunteer Opportunities

We love having pre-authorized parents volunteer in the classroom to:

- Read to the class
- Help with class parties
- Shaparon on field trips
- Tutor small groups in specific skills
- Help with clerical tasks (cutting, labeling, homework prep, typing)
- Sending supplies



To become a pre-authorized Jordan School District volunteer

- Pick up a form from Jordan Hills Elementary School office (must completed annually).
- Fill out the form and have it signed by the principal.
- **ASAP** make an appointment for free-of-charge fingerprinting and background check at Jordan School District Offices (only required if you haven't a Jordan School District set done since 2015).

Note: Depending on workload both getting an appointment and processing may each take months, so an appointment this year will help you be ready to volunteer earlier next year.

- Bring a state issued ID and your completed form to your appointment.
- Watch Jordan-School-District-Code-of-Conduct video (watch annually)

See Jordan school district volunteer site for updated info:

employment.jordandistrict.org/coaches-volunteers/

Ms. Mortensen's Class Rules & Consequences

Below are our class rules and consequences. They will be posted in our classroom and taught/enforced every day. Please review the rules and consequences with your child. Thank You!

Class Rules

1. Follow directions the first time they are given.
2. Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
3. Listen when someone is talking.
4. Raise your hand to speak or for permission to leave your seat.
5. Treat everyone with kindness and respect.
6. Encourage each other to do your BEST.



Consequences

What if I follow the rules?

- Initials on your reward card
- Go Noodle fun video
- Class rewards
- Free Choice Time
- Coupons (special Privileges)

What if I don't follow the rules?

- Warning
- Think time
- Loss of privileges
- Reduced free time
- Parental contact

