



Primary Years Program

Grade 1

Overview letter

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Our school is a unique international state school in Slovakia committed to meeting the needs of today's multicultural societies and recognizing the changes in the global nature of our lives.

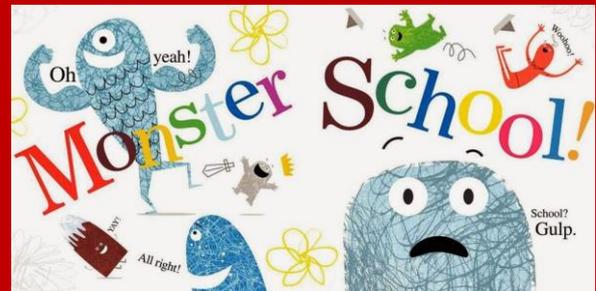
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome in one of the most incredible years your child will have in his/her career! First grade is an exciting time as children start new adventures in the world of learning. This is a year of important transitions, as well as one which gaining new skills are accelerated.

First, let me begin by giving you a brief background about your child's new teacher. My name is Katarina Patucova. I'm 32 years old. I received my master's degree in Elementary Education at University of Konstatina Fylozofa in Nitra 2008. Five years ago I get my Pedagogy Doctor at University of Komensky in Bratislava. I started to work as afterschool club teacher in PYP program in 2008. Next years I worked as a subject teacher in all of the classrooms. Then I become a classroom teacher and I have finished my class as a second grade teacher last year. Now, I will teach Social Studies and Science, Maths, Slovak, ART, PSE (Personal and Social Education), in PYP1.

This year will be filled with lots of exploring, experiences, and learning! I hope to be a guide and mentor to your

child this year as they embark on a learning journey filled with excitement, challenges, and many learning opportunities. It will be wonderful to watch children how they expand their knowledge and learn new things! As your child continues to grow learn this year, I hope that you will view me as someone you can count on to care for your child and their academic progress.



I believe that children learn best when the teacher and parents work together to achieve the same goals with a child. It is extremely important to keep in mind that we all build on small successes. Each child will progress at his/her own rate, acquiring skills as he/she is developmentally ready. Maintaining each child's self-esteem and building a secure foundation for future

growth will always remain a priority in our first grade.

Here are some ways you can help:

1. Celebrate your child's success, no matter how small it may seem. This will keep your child enthusiastic about learning and proud of their work.
2. Keep updated with our Units of Inquiry newsletters. This will have important information, along with exciting events of things to come.
3. Read to and with your child every day, if possible. The more your child is exposed to language, the easier it will be for him/her to incorporate new skills in reading and writing in the classroom. Remember to record all reading on your child's reading calendar.
4. Please do not hesitate to email me at patucova.gjh@gmail.com with ANY questions or concerns! Together we can make First Grade fun, exciting

and engaging for your child.

5. The following are the teachers that will teach in PYP1 class:

- **Mgr. Jana Sontágová**
sontagova@gjh.sk - Afterschool club teacher, MUS, IT
- **Mrs. Marquirete Repasky**
repasky@gjh.sk - English
- **PaedDr. Zuzana Butler**
butler.gjh@gmail.com -IT
- **Mgr. Zuzana Rázusová**
razusova@gjh.sk - PE

6. Useful information and websites:

- <https://www.gjh.sk/pyp/files/PYP-GJH.pdf>
- <https://www.gjh.sk/pyp/files/SLC.pdf>
- <https://gjh.sk/o-skole/program-myp-english>
- <https://www.gjh.sk/informacie/prestravnikov>

Looking for to see you,

PaedDr. Katarína Patúcová

