

The Davis School District is the second-largest district in the state of Utah and continues to experience significant growth. This year, over 70,000 students will be educated across our 92 schools. Our district's mission is Learning First. "A Day in the Life of a First Grader highlights the importance of first grade teachers. First grade is a pivotal year in a child's educational journey. It is often the time when the foundational skills for literacy, numeracy and social development are solidified. First-grade teachers, like Tiffany Hatch, are not just educators; they are nurturing guides who lay the groundwork for lifelong learning. They have the unique ability to ignite curiosity, spark imagination and cultivate a love for learning that students carry with them for years to come. In Hatch's classroom, the students are not just learning to read, write, and solve math problems, they are building confidence in their abilities, learning how to communicate with peers and developing a sense of independence. These early lessons in responsibility, problem-solving and emotional regulation set the tone for future academic and personal growth. A Day in the Life of a First Grader was created to highlight this inspiring school day in a way that felt personal, as if you are right there alongside the students. The filming was accomplished in one fully immersive 8-hour day inside the classroom. Davis School District videographer Tom Laughlin began his filming early in the morning, blending into the classroom so as not to disturb the students' natural rhythms. Over the course of eight hours, he captured everything from structured learning activities to spontaneous, unscripted moments. The camera caught every detail, from children proudly raising their hands to share answers to the excitement over a freshly lost tooth. My tooth fell out! one student announced, a small but charming moment among many. The inspiration of this production lies in the creative videography that brought this classroom story to life. Laughlin drew creative inspiration from National Geographic wildlife documentaries. And, truly honor the students' magical day of learning, Laughlin kept silent throughout the day, ensuring that every reflective moment was captured. In many media productions, large crews and abundant resources make the magic happen. But here, the project was executed by just one solo videographer. Laughlin shot and edited this video. Every shot was chosen to give viewers a full picture of how these first graders spend their day learning, playing and growing. The videography presented here is more than just a snapshot of a

classroomits a celebration of excellent teaching and the vibrant, curious minds of first graders. The magic captured in Tiffany Hatchs classroom is not unique to South Clearfield Elementary; it reflects the dedication and creativity of our educators in the Davis School District.