

## **Lily's First Grade Vision Statement**

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As Lily enters her first grade year at Washburn Elementary our vision of *school permaculture* has solidified. What was only imagined before is now felt.

At Washburn Lily has friends, knows staff, spends spare time at the playground and outdoor classroom. Lily adores the Washburn community and is so proud to be a part of it. She is eager for first grade talks about being a "first grade buddy" and "teacher".



By the end of first grade Lily will have good momentum as an elementary school student. She will:

1. **Find her academic stride-** With *high expectations*, a new IEP, assistive technology and an engaged team Lily will find a comfortable stride academically in the general education classroom. She will *feel pride* in her *strengths*. She will *contribute* in rich, meaningful ways to her classroom. She will be *challenged*. She will exercise her *creativity, resilience* and her *right to take risks*.
2. **Push the limits of autonomy and interdependence-** Lily and her class and schoolmates will rely on one another to thrive. Lily will be *free to make choices* and *find her way*. Lily's direct support staff will push back to the role of facilitator, strategic planner and learning coach.
3. **Develop rich friendships-** Lily's sense of *belonging* among her peers will strengthen. She will find and maintain at least one *close friendship* with the strategic support of her team, her family fully involved. Lily will participate *fully* in extracurricular activities that interest her.

Next fall, Lily will escort her little brother, Sam, to his kindergarten classroom at Washburn. Three years after that, they will be riding their bikes to school together.

Into adulthood Lily and her peers will continue to learn, work, live and play interdependently. She will have a strong sense of who she is, what she's good at and where she's going. Lily will take pride in her work and contribute to her community. She will confidently face challenges. **She will know she is loved and belongs.**