

Welcome to 1st grade Explorations! We have finished our unit on pebbles, sand and silt and are moving on to geography. Here are the vocabulary words we will be looking at over the next 8 weeks. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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**absolute location:** Where a place is exactly, on a map.

**relative location:** Where a place is compared to other places.

**Maps:** Drawings that show what places look like from above.

### **human characteristics**

Describes the people of a place and how they have changed the environment.

**physical characteristics:** The natural environment of a place, including landforms, water, weather, plants & animals.

**Geography:** The study of the earth's surface and its features.