

Dear 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parents,

I am eagerly awaiting the opportunity to welcome your child back to school! I am thrilled to be your child's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher this year and am looking forward to an exciting year filled with wonderful memories.

I attended the University of Florida where I received a BAE in Elementary Education and a M.Ed., with a specialization in Instructional Computing. I taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for many years in FL, then transitioned to teaching professionals as a Corporate Trainer for SunTrust Banks. Although I enjoyed the corporate lifestyle and excitement of traveling for work, I missed the personal satisfaction of working with children and our move to this area was the perfect opportunity to return to the classroom.

In addition to second grade, I have teaching experience in several grades at LES, including 5<sup>th</sup> grade and the AIG program. Also, I am very active in the PTA, both as a parent and a teacher. We have three children that attend Leesville schools with one currently at LES and two at LRMS.

In my free time I enjoy playing tennis and attending sporting events. Watching NCAA football is one of my favorite weekend activities, and of course, rooting for my alma mater. My family enjoys traveling. My husband, Bobby, and I were raised in Air Force families where collectively we were fortunate to live in 8 different states, as well as several countries around the world, including the Philippines, Iceland, Germany, Holland, and Canada. I actually had my first teaching position in Keflavik, Iceland.

As your child's teacher, I will strive daily to make your child feel safe, encouraged and successful in a productive work environment. I believe a classroom "family" should consist of a child-centered learning environment that motivates students to be the best learner possible. Part of this environment is created by successful communication between teacher and parent. I encourage all parents to come to me with any questions, comments or concerns so we can create a partnership in your child's education. I included contact information on your child's letter. Please feel free to use any of these methods to communicate.

Our "Meet the Teacher" event, is Thursday evening, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. I hope to meet you and your child at this exciting event. Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> is the first day of school for grades 1-5. For class supply information, you can go to the LES Website for recommended grade level supplies.

I look forward to partnering with you for a wonderful year watching your child grow. I hope you enjoy your last few moments of summer creating laughter and memories with your loved ones.

Sincerely,  
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