

Welcome to Second Grade!

Dear Parents and Students,

My name is Maria Hodges-Cleare. I am so happy to be your teacher this year. We are going to have a great adventure. Let me tell you a little about myself.

I am a mother of two sons, Clayton and Austin Hodges. They have given me four wonderful grandchildren, two boys and two girls. They are the light of my life! Outside of spending time with all of them, I enjoy traveling to visit other family members during the summer. I also enjoy going to the beach or the mountains, as long as it's outside. However, my favorite pastime is reading. I love getting lost in a good book, so much so, that I've been known to stay up until one or two in the morning just to finish a book.

I received my Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Central Florida and my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction in Reading from Grand Canyon University. I have taught first, second and third grade in the last twenty years and continue to enjoy watching students' faces light up when they realize that they have become proficient readers.

You will learn many different skills and concepts in every subject this year. I will do my best to help all of you become successful learners, but understand that not everyone learns at the same pace, so give yourself grace and patience. I will support you every step of the way!

In addition to the grade level supply list, the items below are particular for my class. Please include them when shopping for school supplies.

- Large **zippered pencil pouch**, no boxes unless they have zippers
- 1 package markers (broad tip)
- 2 packages of cap erasers
- 1 pair of ankle socks, to use as whiteboard eraser
- **NO personal hand sharpeners**

You may bring the supplies during Meet the Teacher on August 8th from 5:00-7:00 pm

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Mrs. Cleare

