

## Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to second grade at Bay Vista! I greatly look forward to teaching your child this upcoming school year. Together we are going to grow academically, socially, and emotionally as students become more independent, responsible, and organized on their way to being prepared for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Expectations

2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be a fun and exciting year filled with lots of learning and growth! I hold all my students to high expectations and promise to do all that I can to support their learning and development. As the year progresses, students will gradually need to develop more responsibility and independence to hit the ground running in the intermediate grades. I look forward to helping your child become a more independent, confident, and self-directed learner!

## Meet Mr. Burklew:

I am a proud product of Pinellas County Schools! I have spent my whole life in St. Petersburg and believe it is one of the best places to live. I received my Associates of Arts from St Petersburg College and transferred to the University of South Florida St. Petersburg where I received my Bachelor of Science in Education. This Fall I will begin working towards my Master of Education degree at the University of Florida. I will be majoring in Reading Education and concurrently earning a graduate certificate in Dyslexia Assessments and Interventions. I am going into my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of teaching. I spent my first-year teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Lealman Avenue Elementary and this will be my second-year teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Bay Vista.

Educating the youth is a passion of mine as I believe education is a vehicle for change both personally and socially. Knowledge is a gift that cannot be taken away! Outside of school, I love spending time with my friends and family. I am a big sports fan and love kickboxing, reading a good book, watching movies, or playing video games in my free time. I am excited to teach second grade this year and help prepare your child to become the best version of themselves possible while in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

## Mark Your Calendars:

- **First Day of School: Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

## Parents Homework



I would love to have a complete list of parent emails to send any important updates as the start of school gets closer. Please email me with/from the email address best to use next year to contact you. Please have your child's name in the subject line. Feel free to tell me a little about your child's interests, activities, and hobbies outside of school.

Contact Mr. Burklew: [burklewj@pcsb.org](mailto:burklewj@pcsb.org)

# Bay Vista Fundamental 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Supply List



**\*You do not need to put name on supplies\***

- 2 packs of number 2 pencils (Ticonderoga brand recommended, no mechanical pencils or personal sharpeners)
- 1 packs of crayons
- 1 pair of scissors
- 4 pack of large glue sticks or small glue sticks
- 1 three ring binder (any color) 1-inch, clear pocket on front with pockets on inside (you may want to buy one extra while prices are low, these tend to wear out quickly)
- 1 package of rectangle erasers
- 4 three prong, two pocket folders – red, blue, green, yellow
- 4 composition books, wide ruled (It is helpful if you can get red, blue, green, yellow, composition books)
- 1 pair headphones or ear buds – we will keep these in the classroom for computer use. Students tend to prefer headphones as they are more comfortable.
- Backpack (no wheels)
- Please keep a set of supplies at home as well to use as needed for homework or projects.

Please do not send in these items: personal markers, personal sharpeners, erasers that look like toys, and decorative pencils (they damage the classroom sharpener).