Welcome to 2nd Grade and Mr. Burklew’s Class!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to second grade at Bay Vista! I am thankful to play a part in their education and look forward to the academic, social, and emotional growth they will experience this school year.

Meet Mr. Burklew

I have spent my whole life in St. Petersburg and am a proud product of Pinellas County Schools. After graduating from St Petersburg High School, I went to St Petersburg College to receive my AA which then led me to the University of South Florida St Petersburg, where I received my degree in Elementary Education. I am halfway through my graduate program at the University of Florida where I am studying Reading Education and Dyslexia Assessments and Interventions. I am going into my 4th year of teaching, and this will be my 3rd year at Bay Vista. I enjoy being a Jaguar and it is my sincere hope that your child does too!

Primary education is a passion of mine as I believe it is essential that ALL students receive a quality foundational education that equips them for success at a young age and beyond. All students deserve to learn and be confident in their abilities; it is my hope and goal to reach each student where they are and help them grow as much as possible while in second grade.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family. I am a huge fan of the Bucs, Rays, Lightning, and Gators! I enjoy kickboxing, video games, and watching movies in my free time.

2nd Grade Goals and Expectations

2nd 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 know each year comes with both excitement and anxiousness! A motto I live by as a teacher is “teamwork makes the dreamwork.” I look forward to working together this year to help your child become a more independent, confident, and self-directed learner!

Contact Information

- **Email:** burklewj@pcsb.org

- **Parent’s 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. Please, feel free to tell me a little about your child’s interests, activities, and hobbies outside of school!

- **First Day of School:** Thursday, August 10th
Bay Vista Fundamental 2nd 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.
- 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).*