



Dear Vaquita Families,

Welcome to the Vaquita Room! I am so excited to be your child's teacher! This will be my sixth-year teaching 2nd grade. I would like you to know that I have been involved with Borton for over 15 years. First, starting out as a parent, volunteering many hours in the classroom and PTA events, next as a teacher assistant, student teacher, substitute teacher and now finally a 2nd grade teacher. During this time, I have had the opportunity to work with and learn from teachers like Kathy Lohse, Carol Crowell, Kathleen Edgar, Sheila Encinas and Leticia Gill. These teachers are masters in Project Based Learning and in the art of classroom management. I love to take what I have learned from them into every lesson that I plan and teach.

Through my experience I have found that students will excel in a classroom environment that is safe for them to be who they are. Students should feel safe physically, emotionally, and verbally. Any issue should be addressed, and this means that students feel heard and respected when they speak up about what they think and know. This also means that there is always an opportunity to work on developing positive relationships with their classmates and teachers through what they experience in and out of the classroom at school.

I believe that the daily routine should be consistent, and that routines and procedures are learned and followed. If the routines and procedures are followed there will be more opportunities for the students to have extra time to master their objectives and do extra work. This also creates a learning environment where students can make more choices about what they would like to learn and how they would like to present that knowledge learned.

As a teacher, I will:

1. Provide simple and clear rules and expectations.
2. Provide procedures and routines that help student to be on task and work together for the greater good.
3. Model the behaviors that I expect of my students.
4. Provide interesting and engaging lessons.
5. Provide time for reflection and through that reflection support the needs of the student as they learn, grow and change throughout the year.



Finally, a little information about me. I was born in San Antonio, Texas where my father was first stationed in the Army. We traveled to Germany and Iceland during his time of service and soon after came back here to Tucson when I was 5 years old. I still live in the neighborhood that I grew up in which is just outside of downtown and about 10 minutes away from Borton. My son just turned 23 last March and is currently working from home as a Word Press Website Developer.

When I am not teaching, I enjoy working on home projects, gardening, baking and spending time with family, friends and my dogs. Overall, I love to work so bringing work home is a common occurrence at my house.

I look forward to getting to know all of you and if you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at 225-1000 or email me at metta.franklin@tusd1.org.



Sincerely,

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