



Welcome to 2nd Grade with Mrs. Chirinos and Mrs. Predatsch!

Hi! We are thrilled to have you in our class this year! We are going to learn so many new and exciting things together! You will be mathematicians, adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers, scientists learning about how plants and animals need each other and how forces change the Earth, readers reading with deeper understanding, and explorers discovering different communities.

Meet Mrs. Chirinos!

This is my 19th year teaching at Beekman Elementary School. I live in Pine Plains with my husband Joe and our 14 year old son, Matthew. We also have a 7 year old yellow lab named Winsor. I enjoy going to the beach, reading and spending time with my family!

Meet Mrs. Predatsch!

This is my 20th year teaching in Arlington. I live in Wappingers Falls, and I have a blended family that includes my 3 children, Dominique, Danny and Ricky, and my stepson Craig. I enjoy hiking, reading, and playing pickleball!

Mrs. Chirinos and Mrs. Predatsch first met 27 years ago when Mrs. Chirinos was Dominique's preschool teacher. We have co-taught together in 1st and 2nd grade. We are looking forward to meeting you all and having a fun-filled, successful year.

Getting to know you "Bag" Activity

As we start the new school year, we would like to get to know each of you. This activity is a great way to introduce yourself to us and to your classmates.

First, find a bag or container that represents you in some way and that can hold other objects. For instance, if you like going to the beach, a beach bag. If you like shoes, a decorated shoe box or if you like to play football, a helmet.

Next, you will pick four different items that describe you. They will be used to explain who you are, what you enjoy, or where you have traveled. Be creative!

Some examples could be:

- Hand drawn pictures, photographs.
- If you play soccer, a picture of yourself playing, or a trophy/medal that you received.
- If you enjoy going to the beach, you can include a shell.
- If you enjoy reading, you could bring in your favorite book.

All items should **fit** inside the bag/container.

You will have an opportunity to talk about these items with the class during the first week of school.