



Welcome to 2nd Grade!



Hello 2nd Scholars and Families! Welcome to a brand new year! 2nd grade is the best! You'll take all those reading and writing skills you learned last year and use them to learn even more about the world! We'll read stories from amazing authors who not only inspire us, but will help us to become even stronger creators ourselves! We believe each and everyone has special gifts and talents that we'll get to amplify and grow this year together.

About your classroom...

You are a part of an awesome class that has two teachers, Mrs. Matatia and Mrs. Nicastro. We'll work together to learn about our Scholars strengths in order to create a supportive, safe, and fun learning environment to help them apply and grow skills they'll need to become the best humans they can be! You are loved! We value your ideas, thoughts and everything that makes you, YOU!

You will bring so much to our class and we can't wait to get to know you and your families!



Mrs. Nicastro

Meet Your TEACHERS



Mrs. Matatia

I am certified B-6 and hold a Master's in Literacy. I have been teaching for more than 10 years. This is my 7th year in Arlington and I love our school! I'm a passionate, theatrical, musical teacher, wife, and mommy to Carolyn Grace. We live in Hopewell with our two cats and our pup, Franklin! When I'm not teaching, I enjoy being outside hiking, sailing, or snowboarding. I am also certified to teach Yoga to kiddos and grown ups! Ready to rock this year with Mrs. Matatia!

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I'm a dually certified teacher in General Education and Special Education. This will be my 11th year teaching and 6th in Arlington. I love helping students learn to read. I am trained in Orton Gillingham and Foundations. When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my son Daniel and my family! We enjoy hiking, running, and family dinners! I am looking forward to another awesome school year with my talented partner Mrs. Nicastro!

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Here are examples of some of the Co-Teach models we use in our inclusive classroom. We begin our Morning Meeting with Team Teaching and transition between parallel teaching and stations throughout the day!

The Co-Teaching Models...

1. One Teach/One Observe
2. One Teach/One Support
3. Parallel Teaching ♥
4. Station Teaching ♥
5. Team Teaching
6. Alternative Teaching

-Dr. Marilyn Friend and Lynne Cook



Wish List Items for the classroom:

- Markers (thick or thin)
- One Spiral Notebook
- Classroom snacks(goldfish, pretzels etc.)