

Dear Parents,

My name is Becky Carpenter and I will be your child's first grade teacher at Creekside Elementary for the 2014-2015 school year. Since I will be spending a significant amount of time with your child, I would like to take a moment to tell you about myself, both personally and professionally.

This is my tenth year teaching at Creekside Elementary School. I spent 9 of those years teaching 2nd grade. Prior to my teaching career I attended Michigan State University where I received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Child Development. In 2007, I completed my Masters in Reading and Literacy and in August 2009 finished an extra 30 credits covering a variety of topics. Education is important to me and I strive to keep updated on new theories and topics in the education field.

On a more personal note...I am married to Ben. Ben is an Orthotist (he makes braces for any part of your body) and will be going back to school this fall to become a Prosthetist (he will make prosthetic legs and arms). We have two sons; Ethan, who will be 4 in October and Joshua, who will be 1 in December. We love spending time outside. Kayaking and camping are some of our favorite summer time activities.

My favorite quote in teaching is, "teaching is not just a job, it's a privilege." I take this quote to heart. Every year I feel privileged and honored to be the teacher of so many influential children. My goal is to create life long learners with your children. I believe children learn best in a child centered environment. Students should be in a room conducive to their learning style. This includes an organized and inviting learning space as well as the freedom to make choices. As your child's teacher I will work toward learning your child's academic abilities; strengths and weaknesses, and building on these qualities through the year. In addition to knowing your child academically, I will strive to get to know your child on a personal level. Being involved in knowing your child's interests outside of school is important to build trust between your child and me. I believe success is built on the foundation of trust.

I look forward to meeting you and your child at our school open house on August 27th. It is going to be an exciting year.

Sincerely,
Becky Carpenter

1st Grade Suggested Supply List

(Please bring to school with you on our school open house night)

- Ticonderoga Pencils (other pencils break the pencil sharpener and pencils)
- 3 large glue sticks
- Markers (8-10 count)
- Crayons 24 pack
- 1 Composite Notebook
- Dry Erase Marker
- Ear buds/headphones (used for the computer lab and individual cassette players in the classroom)
- Bag of individually wrapped candy to place in the reward jar
- Last Name A-L: 1 box Ziploc bags (any size)
- Last Name M-Z: Clorox Wipes