

Dear Families,

Hi! My name is Virginia Horak and I am excited to be your child's second-grade teacher this year. It is a privilege to work with you and your child as you seek to guide them in their educational and personal development and help prepare them for a great future.

I know that the last year and a half have been difficult and different for everyone. I will be working hard as part of the wonderful Belair team to bring comfort and consistency and confidence into your child's life during the next year. My hope is that we will grow a strong, purposeful and joyful community together amid all challenges.

This will be a productive year! I want you and your child to know that my major goals this year are that all students in my class will:

Work together with others to build a supportive and productive classroom environment.

• Become confident learners who set and reach goals.

• Become fluent, independent readers.

Solidify their understanding of place value and become confident mathematicians.

Enjoy practicing inquiry and analysis skills as they study the world around them.

Please feel free to contact me any time you have questions or concerns.

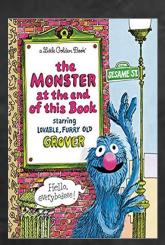
Sincerely,



Meet Mrs. Horak

My sweet husband and I have five amazing children of our own, including highschool senior participating in dual enrollment and a spunky first-grader. It is my job to make sure we stay well-supplied with books from the library and get lots of time outside hiking and swimming. My family makes sure I do some singing and drawing, build robots, beef up my tech and construction skills, get chased by lizards, play exciting rounds of UNO and eat plenty of homemade pizza and chocolate chip cookies. I grew up as an army brat and lived all over the U.S. and on a few different continents. After earning my B.A. and M.S., I spent 17 years living as an ex-pat in Germany. I recently moved to the Augusta area with my husband and children to be near my parents and siblings. I appreciate the kindness and openness I find everywhere in my new community!

> About Mrs. Horak



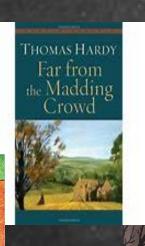
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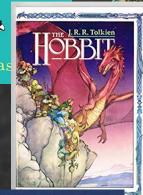
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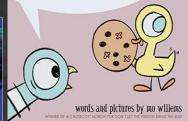
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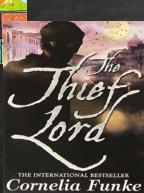
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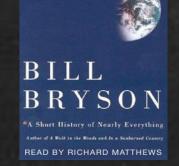
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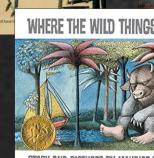












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SOME of My Favorite Places





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Favorite Beverages



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