

Welcome to Mrs. Davies' ELA/Social Studies Class

Dear Students and Parents,

This summer I moved from South Dakota to Georgia to become a part of Diamond Lakes Elementary School. I received my teaching degree from Northern State University in 2011. I went on to teach Kindergarten and First Grade before finally settling into K-8 English Language Arts/3-8 Science/3-8 Social Studies which I have taught for the last 5 years. I then received my English as a New Language Endorsement from South Dakota State University allowing me to better help my students who were learning English as a second language. I am very excited to be the new 5th Grade ELA/Social Studies Teacher and getting to know each and every one of my students and parents.

In my classroom I hope to instill a love for reading, learning, and discovering into each and every student who walks through my door. I have a very simple teaching philosophy "Every student can and will learn." I have high expectations for student learning and with those high expectations must come a readiness to learn, grow, and make the most out of mistakes. In my classroom, students will be required to persevere, make connections, work collaboratively, and think critically when problem solving. I aim to be a facilitator for learning that allows students to find their own solutions and make their own meaning with support and guidance along the way.

For your first assignment, I would like you to think of a book you have read or someone has read to you. On our first day, you will be asked to give a brief book review to your classmates. Summarize what the book was about and would you recommend it to some one else to read, why or why not? I look forward to meeting all of you. If you have any questions please call (706-771-2881) or email at <u>davieke@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us</u>

Sincerely,

Mrs. Davies

