

Welcome!

I am Mrs. Debbie Nicks and I will be your child's 2nd grade teacher. I am delighted to have your child in my class this year and look forward to working with you to enhance his/her education. This is my 7^{th} year at A. Brian Merry and my 9^{th} year as a teacher. Before I became a teacher I was a Paraprofessional for 16 years at Willis Foreman and Diamond Lakes Elementary.

I believe in open communication between the teacher and parents', so if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. It is impossible for me to take phone calls during school hours (8:00 - 4:00), however, if it is an emergency or a change in the way your child will go home, please call the school office (706-737-7187) and they will get your message to me as soon as possible. I will return your call as soon as I can. If you know ahead of time that there will be a change in the way your child goes home, or a change in information, please send a note. You can also text me at 706-339-8059. Please do not call me during the school hours or after 8:00 pm.

School begins at 8:00 am, breakfast begins at 7:45 am, and we begin dismissal at 2:45 pm.

For conduct, I use Class Dojo. It is an online behavior system that seems to work very well with most students. I will send you a sheet for you to log into Dojo. This will allow you to check your child's behavior, you can email me through Dojo, and you can see what's happening in our class on Class Story. The conduct grade will be based on the points/percentage your child has received on Class Dojo each week. Class Dojo and your child's folder are two very important communication pieces this year.

My class rules/expectations are very simple, treat others the way you want to be treated. I go over this rule daily and give an example of what it looks like. For example, would you want someone to borrow a pencil without asking? Of course you wouldn't, so don't borrow something without asking first. I will send a copy of our class rules, expectations, and consequences along with a list of supplies needed for our classroom and a contact information sheet later this week. Please fill this out and return it as soon as you can.

I look forward to working with you and your child during this school year and appreciate your support and confidence.

Look for important additional information coming home the first few days of school!

If you have any question or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My email address is nicksde@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us.

I want to thank you in advance for your time, cooperation, and support.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Debbie Nicks