

# WELCOME TO 2ND GRADE

Dear Families and Second Grader,

My name is Keisha Thomas and I am so excited to be your second grade teacher! I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you! We are going to do so many fun things and will learn a lot too!

Are you wondering about me? Well, I grew up in a small town north of Grand Rapids and graduated from Central Montcalm High School. I attended Michigan State University for my Elementary and Deaf Education majors and English and Psychology minors. I did my graduate work through Grand Valley State University in Early Childhood. I have been teaching in various positions around Michigan for 18 years total, but have spent the last 11 years teaching here at Northview! I previously taught American Sign Language at the high school and this is my sixth year teaching second grade at West!

I have a nine year old daughter Harper, who attends West and will be in fourth grade! I have been married to my husband Pete for almost 14 years and the three of us live in Sparta. We rescued both of our pets, a 12-year-old Siamese cat named Zoe and 2 1/2-year-old mixed dog named Tucker.

Some of my favorite things:

**Color:** Teal & Gray

**Season:** I LOVE fall!

**Children's Movie:** The Polar Express

**Children's Book:** The Boxcar Children, The Chocolate Touch & Charlotte's Web (we will read these this year!)

**Sport:** MSU Football-GO GREEN!!

**Hobbies:** Spending time with family & friends, reading, flipping furniture, bargain shopping, and making cupcakes/baking.

I look forward to learning about all of your favorite things. I have included information that will help prepare you and our classroom for the new school year. Parents, please email me with any questions or concerns at any time this year!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Keisha Thomas  
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**Please label your child's items!** The student supplies are supplies that we use often. The classroom wish list has supplies that we use throughout the year and are helpful to have. If you can contribute to the classroom wish list, please do not feel like you need to purchase all of the items, even one item is helpful! Thank you!

Student Supplies	Classroom Wish List
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pencil box/bag</li> <li>● #2 Pencils (24 pack)</li> <li>● Crayola Twistable Colored Pencils OR Twistable Crayons</li> <li>● Glue sticks</li> <li>● Student scissors</li> <li>● Skinny dry erase markers (2 pack is fine)</li> <li>● 2-Two Pocket Folders (not paper so they last-only 2 please)</li> <li>● Water Bottle</li> <li>● Headphones to leave in class for Chromebook use</li> </ul> <p>*Twistable crayons and colored pencils are preferred because we don't have to sharpen/peel them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kleenex, Kleenex, Kleenex!</li> <li>● Band-aids! And more band-aids!</li> <li>● Clorox wipes</li> <li>● Hand sanitizer</li> <li>● Cardstock-all colors, especially white</li> <li>● Construction paper-both 9x12 and 12x18</li> <li>● Disposable bowls</li> <li>● Plastic Silverware</li> <li>● Baggies (all sizes up to 2 gallon)</li> </ul>