

Hello 2nd Graders!

Happy School Year! I am very excited to join SYVCS this year, and to be teaching 2nd grade. Teaching is one of my life's greatest passions. As a life-long learner I am looking forward to sharing my day with all of you as we explore this amazing world of ours together.

I am an "Air Force Brat", which is a silly phrase that means that my father served in the US Air Force while I was growing up. He had the coolest job, he was a Solar Scientist! It is because of his service that I have had many of the opportunities I treasure most in life. Among my most amazing memories is living on the island of Puerto Rico when I was a second grader. I had many adventures on tropical beaches, in rainforests, and on the world's largest radio telescope. One of my most special memories is getting to feed a baby manatee from a bottle when I was just 7 years old!

I have traveled to many places, but landed here on the beautiful Central Coast of California in 1998. I attended Cabrillo High School in Lompoc, where I met my husband. I went to college at California State University, Chico, where I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Anthropology. I also trained as an archaeologist! Just 2 weeks after graduating from Chico I had my first daughter, and my husband and I decided that I would stay at home with her. While being at home with her (and later my second daughter too) I decided to go back to work part time as a substitute teacher. I subbed for 8 years before I finally decided to make teaching my full time job. I attended Cal State Teach through California State University, Los Angeles. I taught for a year and a half in Lompoc, and happily found myself landing at THIS awesome school.

I love being around children of all ages. I am a Girl Scout Troop leader, and I also am the Technical Director for Cabrillo High School's Theater Department. Words can not describe how excited I am to be your teacher this year! Our second grade lessons will include lots of hands-on projects, explorations, and investigations. My mother is recently retired as an elementary school librarian, and she has instilled in me a love of reading and books. I have some wonderful books lined up for us to read together this year.

I could go on and on, but it's time to end this letter. I will see you soon! Feel free to write to me and say hi via my email: [lschmeiser@syvcs.org](mailto:lschmeiser@syvcs.org).

Toodles!

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