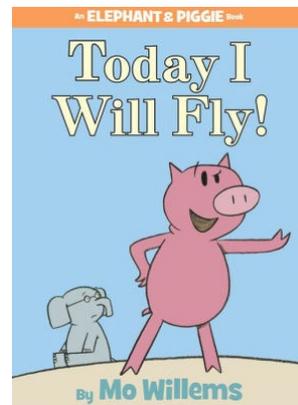


Meet the Teacher!

Hi! My name is Miss D'Orazio and I am going to be your second grade teacher. I am so happy to spend this year with some very special 2nd graders---your class! My favorite part about teaching is that we get to explore, learn, and have fun...all at the same time. I am one lucky teacher!

My favorite thing to teach is reading. I could teach it all day! This year, we are going to go on many reading adventures together. I can't wait to help you become a better reader! Have you ever read a book by Mo Willems? My favorite book by him is Today I Will Fly. I love how determined Piggie is. She really wants to fly!



One special thing about me is that everyone in my family is a teacher. My mom and dad are both retired teachers and my older brother is a teacher. When I was in second grade, I used to love to "play school" and pretend to be a teacher. I begged my parents to bring home extra school materials for me to use!



When I am not teaching, I love to spend time with my family, friends, and pets. Here is a picture of my puppy named Indigo (for her bright blue eyes), or Indy for short, and my cat named Giggles. Indy and Giggles are always getting into all sorts of mischief together. You will hear all about their silly escapades together. I also enjoy spending time outside and being active. Running, biking, and hiking

are my three favorite things to do in my free time. I like to compete in both running races and triathlons.

I can't wait to spend the next year getting to know you and your classmates. In the first few weeks of school, I hope I will learn about your hopes and dreams for the school year. What do you hope to learn this year? What do you dream for 2nd grade? We will work on reaching these hopes and dreams together. We are going to have a fantastic year!

Love,
Miss D'Orazio

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- Some of my Favorites ■
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- Food: Peanut Butter ■
- Banana Ice Cream ■
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- Drink: Coffee!! ■
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- Book: Today I Will Fly ■
- by Mo Willems ■
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- Color: Turquoise ■
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- Sports Team: Phillies ■
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- Animals: Tough ■
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Welcome to Second Grade!

Dear Families,

With great pleasure and excitement, I would like to introduce myself as your child's 2nd grade teacher. I come to 2nd grade with 5 years of teaching experience in Lower Merion School District (3 of which were at Cynwyd). I have a Masters Degree in Education with a concentration in Literacy from Arcadia University. While at Arcadia, I obtained teaching certifications in both Elementary Education and Special Education as well as my Reading Specialist certification. I hope these background experiences continue to bring value to the Cynwyd community.

There is nothing more inspirational than the contagious curiosity of a 2nd grader! You will be amazed at how much your child continues to learn and grow over the course of the year. Throughout 2nd grade, your child will continue to grow and develop a love of reading and practice "doing what good readers do." We will read many different genres of books and use "mentor texts" to connect reading and the craft of writing. We will explore several different units in science and social studies. By the end of the year, your child will wear many hats: reader, mathematician, historian, scientist, and much more!

My greatest hope for your child is that he/she feels supported to take risks, challenge himself/herself, and grow as a learner and member of our classroom community. In short, I want your child to love coming to school. As an advocate of the Responsive Classroom framework, I believe social and academic curricula to be equally important. Throughout the academic day, students will show what it means to take care of themselves, each other, and their classroom. We will learn how to support one another on our own individual learning journeys, how to persevere when things get tough, how to be an active listener and resolve conflict peacefully, and much more. I can hardly wait to get started!

You will be hearing from me often as the year gets started, but please do not hesitate to reach out to me before the first day arrives. I look forward to meeting you and your child very soon!



Sincerely,

Joanna D'Orazio
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