



Welcome Back to School

Westwood Elementary  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade

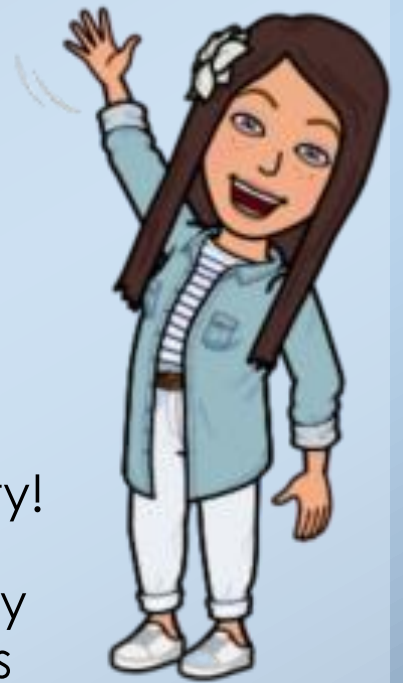
# Mrs. Fowler

- I am so excited to be at Westwood for my fifth year! Go Wildcats!
- I went to Dalton State College and did my student teaching at Westwood... so technically it's my sixth year here. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and plan to get my Master's within the next few years.
- Reading, Writing, and Social Studies are my favorite subjects, BUT I love them all! It's so hard to choose!
- I am married and my husband and I have a sweet dog named Murphy. He's a Cocker Spaniel.
- A few of my hobbies are cooking, reading, and anything outdoors!



# Ms. Haygood

- I am so excited to be part of the Westwood family! This will be my 15<sup>th</sup> year teaching. I spent the last 14 years in Cherokee County. I am relocating to Dalton when I get married in October. I am excited to be part of the community!
- I earned my B.S. in Elementary Education from Kennesaw State University and my M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction from Piedmont College. I have endorsements in math, reading and gifted education. I also have a B.S. in Business Administration from Reinhardt University.
- I have one son, Andrew, who recently graduated from Vanderbilt University. His love of learning inspired me to be a teacher, so I went back to school when he was in 1<sup>st</sup> grade!
- I love animals and have 2 yorkies. My fiancé, Michael, has a German Shorthaired Pointer. We have a kitten, Winchester, that we rescued last summer.



# Mrs. Lewis

- I'm so happy to begin my 16th year at Westwood.
- I have taught 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades, but 5th is the BEST!!
- I graduated from Kennesaw State University with a degree in Middle Grades Education. I have a Master's degree in Literacy from Lesley University and an Educational Specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Lincoln Memorial University.
- Math and Reading are my favorite subjects.
- Most of my family comes to Westwood with me: Brayden is in 4th grade and Landon is in 3rd grade. Phil, my husband, works at TVA. We have a chihuahua named Rico Suave.





# Mrs. Spon

- I am so pumped about teaching this school year. It may be a little different, but it will still be great! This is my 30<sup>th</sup> year teaching school. I've been here for 16 years, however I taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade at DMS for 13 years before that, so don't worry. I will help you learn everything you need to get ready for 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- I have a Bachelor's Degree from University of North Ga, a Master's Degree from West Ga College, and a Specialist Degree from Lincoln Memorial University. So, you can tell that I love to learn too.
- I have two college age kids of my own named Bailey and Katie Mae. I am so proud of both my son and daughter. My wonderful husband of 30 years is named Mitchell.
- Other than loving to teach, I also love to read, go to the lake, do crossword puzzles, watch UGA football and inspiring movies, paint, listen to fun music, and spend quality time with my big extended family and friends.



# Mrs. Strawser, virtual teacher

- I am excited to be starting my 31<sup>st</sup> year teaching school...my 13<sup>th</sup> at Westwood.
- I have taught grades 4<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>, and for the last 6 years, I have worked with grades K-5. 5<sup>th</sup> grade is my favorite!
- I have a Bachelor's degree from University of Texas at Tyler with a certification for Math in grades 4-8, and my Master's degree from University of West Georgia.
- Math is my favorite!
- I am married and have 3 grown children that live in Texas, and 2 grandkids...a boy and a girl who are amazing!
- Texas is my home state, but I am very happy to be in Georgia! I moved here in 2008. I love college football, to read, hang out with my family, and travel.



# Ms. Thomas, virtual teacher

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- I have been teaching for 30 years.
- I grew up in Dalton and attended Dalton Public Schools. I have Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, and Specialist degree. I have certifications in Reading and ELL.
- Besides being at school, I love reading and travelling.

# Daily Expectations



- Bring a mask (or two) and a GREAT attitude!
- We will wash hands and use hand sanitizer as often as we can!
- Students will log into Canvas courses from home or from school to complete activities Monday-Friday.
- Devices will be taken home each evening and **MUST** be charged overnight.
- Students should read each night for at least 20 minutes.



# School Policies



- Our school day is from 8:00-2:45 this year.
- Students will be spaced out in our classrooms and will wear masks when distancing is not possible.
- Masks should be attached to lanyards when not in use to keep them clean and ready for wearing.
- Lunch will be served in classrooms with pre-packaged items. Lunches may NOT be dropped off in the front office.
- Art and Music classes will meet in homerooms.
- Please do not bring sports equipment from home for recess.



# Daily Schedule

- 8:00-9:20 Block 1 (Math or Literacy/SS)
- 9:20-9:55 Science
- 9:55-10:45 Specials
- 10:45-11:00 Recess
- 11:05-12:05 Reading
- 12:05-12:35 Lunch
- 12:35-1:20 Word Study
- 1:20-2:40 Block 2 (Math or Literacy/SS)
- 2:45 Dismissal



# Getting ready for DMS

- Changing classes and teachers
- Keeping binders organized
- Expressing ideas clearly in writing
- Writing about reading
- Writing about math
- Completing rigorous tasks successfully



# Communication

- Make sure to return orientation paperwork to school so we have current phone numbers for your family.
- We will send out reminders, photos, and class updates via Remind (Lewis/Fowler) or Class Dojo (Spon/Haygood).
- Please let us know if you have any questions about the beginning of school. See you soon!
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