

August 1, 2023

Welcome to 1<sup>st</sup> grade! I am your teacher Mrs. Dunbar, and I am so excited to welcome you as a Northwood Owl. This year in room 119 you can plan on becoming a stronger reader, writer, mathematician, and scientist. We will build a strong classroom community by being independent workers as well as working together and problem solving.

I can't wait to get to know you, and I wanted to give you a little bit of information about me. I grew up in Edmonds, Washington. I attended the University of Washington (Go Dawgs!) where I got my degree in English, and I got my teaching credential from Western Washington University. I have been teaching since 1999. I taught for 13 years in the Edmonds School District where I taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. I moved to Mercer Island in 2012. I taught at St. Monica School from 2014-2017 where I taught 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. I started teaching 1st grade at Northwood in 2017. In the school year of 2021-22 I taught PE for K-3 at Lakeridge! I am married to Dr. Dunbar. He works at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle as an orthopedic surgeon. He teaches students how to become a doctor like him. We have four kids. Their names are Alle, Anna, Ben and Alena. Alle and Anna have graduated from college, and Ben and Alena are both going to college. I am very proud of my kids, and they keep me very busy! When I'm not teaching I enjoy reading, cooking, and spending time with my family. We also have two little dogs named Ernie and Robbie. They are very spoiled.

Please make sure to stay up to date with Northwood happenings by checking out the school and PTA websites. I am so excited to meet you at the Open House before school starts. Enjoy the last days of your summer break.

Warmly,



Mrs. Dunbar