## **WELCOME TO ROOM 1013!**





Dear Room 1013 Family,

Welcome to Room 1013! My name is Kristin Crutcher (Ms Kristin) and I will be your child's teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. I am so honored to have the opportunity to get to know and teach your child. I look forward to using the Montessori curriculum to build a peaceful and joyous community of learners that fosters independence, concentration, coordination, order, as well as creativity and academic success. I can't wait to begin this new and exciting journey with your child!

This is my second year at Sands as a full time teacher. Previously I taught in a 3-6 classroom at Pleasant Ridge Montessori and then did substitute teaching at Sands after having my four children. Sands is very dear to my heart. My mom taught here for 29 years and watching her teach inspired me to pursue teaching after I graduated from UC's College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning with a Bachelor's of Science in graphic design. I worked at Sands as a paraprofessional in a 3-6 classroom for three years while I worked on my master's degree in Montessori education at Xavier. I also completed my Montessori internship at Sands. All of my four children attend (or attended) Sands. In addition to teaching, I enjoy photography, reading, jewelry making, baking, board games, dancing, designing educational materials, creative projects, glass bead making, cats, and most importantly, spending time with my family.

I look forward to meeting you and your child! When you have an opportunity, please email me at crutchek@cpsboe.k12.oh.us with the following: your name, your child's name, your child's birthday and important information you would like for me to know about your child such as allergies, interests, etc. You are welcome to email a picture of your child if you wish. Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns. I hope you and your family had a wonderful summer!

Warm Regards,
Kristin Crutcher (Ms Kristin)

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Miss Joy is the paraprofessional in our room. I really enjoy working with her! She wrote a message to introduce herself as well:

## Hello,

I arrived at Sands in Jan. of 2020 (while we were remote!) and worked one-on-one with a student for the next year and a half. I then transitioned into my paraprofessional position with Ms. Kristin for the 2022-2023 school year. Some of my prior experience have been working in a childcare center called The Compass School (now called The Gardner School) in Mason, Ohio for 8 years and being a nanny to four girls for five years - they are all grown up now! Some of my enjoyments are the following: my cats, Penny and Paisley, walking and drinking coffee with friends, singing in the community choirs Schubert Chorale and Clermont Chorale, assisting in the preschool Sunday School class at my church, hosting friends at my condo and encouraging others. I hope your children had an awesome summer break and are ready for a great year ahead!

Blessings, Joy Gilson Miss Joy