



Meet the Teacher

Mrs. Croach

Dear families,

Hello! My name is Mrs. Joy Croach and I am thrilled to be your child's Kindergarten teacher! I am very excited for the fun activities that are planned and to watch your child learn and grow through out the year! I am a believer in a parent/teacher team for the success of your child. I will be sending home directions on how to download our Classroom Dojo app on your phone. This app is a great way for us to communicate. I will post pictures as well as any important information.

Contact me...

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 330-406-9474 or email me at jcroach@youngstownacademy.org. I will respond with in 24 hours.

About me...

I am returning for my 6th year at YAE with 30 years teaching experience.

Before being at YAE, I taught preschool at Head Start in New Castle, PA.

I am married (32 years) with 2 grown boys and 3 grandchildren.. In my free time I like read, go on motorcycle rides with my hubby and spend time my family.

Support Staff

Hello! My name is Kristina David and I am the K-4 Intervention Specialist. I work specifically with students who qualify for Special Education services. If you have any questions please email me at kdavid@youngstownacademy.org or call the school at 330-746-3970 and request Miss David.



Meet the Teacher

Mrs. Flauto

Dear families,

Hello! My name is Mrs. Tiffany Flauto and I am thrilled to be your child's teacher this year! I am very excited about all that Youngstown Academy of Excellence has to offer and can't wait to watch your child(ren) learn and grow each day! I am firm believer that communication is key to help the little one to reach their highest potential. I will be sending home directions on how to add Classroom DOJO app to your iPhone or android. This will be an added source of communication, and I will also be able to keep you updated on important information. Talk to you soon!!

Contact me...

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at tkardos@youngstownacademy.org and I will respond to all emails within 24 hours.

About me...

I am returning for my 6th year at Youngstown Academy of Excellence with 15 years of teaching experience, most recently at Potential Development in the special education department in Youngstown, OH. Before my time at Potential, I worked in St. Stephen's behavioral school as teaching assistant and TCI trainer for grades K-8 for three years. In my free time, I enjoy reading, painting, and spending time with my husband and family!

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Supply list



Dear families,

Here is the list of supplies that will be helpful to get our school year started off right! The supplies will be shared among all of the students, so there is no need to write your child's name on anything *except the backpack, & water bottle*. If you are financially unable to purchase items on this list, supplies will still be available for your child.

Thank you!
Kindergarten Team

GENERAL LEARNING

- 1 pack 8 crayons
- 1 Pack of markers
- 1 pack Expo markers
- #2 Pencils 1Pack
- Magic Easer
- Glue Sticks
- Bottle of Elmer's Glue
- Box of tissues
- Package of baby wipes
- Ziploc bags (snack, sandwich, and/or gallon sized)
- Box of 'extra' snacks (pretzels or crackers will do)
- 1 pack of paper plates
- 5 Brown Grocery Bag (aldi or Giant Eagle)
- 1 packet of brown lunch bags
- 1 pack of Construction Paper

Kindergarten Parent Questionnaire

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire. Your answers will help me get to know your child better and support them throughout the school year!

Student Information

Child's Name: _____

Nickname your child likes to be called: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Best Phone Number: _____

Best Email Address: _____

About Your Child

1. What are your child's favorite activities or hobbies?

2. What are your child's favorite toys, games, or interests?

3. What does your child enjoy learning about?

4. What are your child's strengths?

5. Is there anything your child struggles with?

Communication

12. What is the best way to contact you?

☐ Phone ☒ Call ☐ Text Message ☐ Email ☐ Communication App

13. What language is mainly spoken at home?

14. Is there anything important you would like me to know about your child?

Family Goals

15. What are your goals for your child this school year?

16. How can I best support your child and family?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. I look forward to an amazing school year together!



Meet the TEACHER

A few of my favorite things!

Color – Pink

Treat – Ice Cream

Pass time- Listening to music

Book – A Mango Shaped
Space- Wendy Mass

About Miss Ventimiglia

Welcome to 1st grade!

My name is Miss Ventimiglia and I will be your child's teacher this school year! I am looking forward to how much they will learn and grow! We will have lots of fun in class while maintaining a daily routine. I cannot wait to get to know your child and grow with them in this amazing field!

Education- I graduated from Youngstown State University in 2023 with a Bachelor's Degree in General Education. I plan to return to Youngstown State University as an online student and earn my Master's degree in Special Education.

Contact Info

aventimiglia@youngstownacademy.org

Class Dojo will be the easiest way to get ahold of me and find out about information in class. Instructions on how to connect will be sent home soon.



WELCOME

To First Grade

Supply List

Personal supplies — These items will be kept for your child's personal use. If you would like to purchase extra supplies while they are on sale, they will be labeled with your child's name and stored for when they run out of something.

1 Book Bag

1 Box #2 Pencils

1 Pink Eraser

Glue Sticks

1 Spiral Notebook

1 Pencil Box

2 folders

1 Box Crayons (12 or 24 pack)

Scissors

Classroom Supplies — These items will be used every day by all students.

1 Pack Dry Erase Markers

Baby Wipes

Hand Sanitizer

Baggies (Girls – Gallon Size,
Boys – Sandwich Size)

A Snack list sign up will also be sent home with your child soon. Thank you!





MEET THE TEACHER

Miss Gordon



My Favorites

I love anything that keeps me energized throughout the day — especially Dunkin' or a Red Bull! My favorite colors are pink and green, and I absolutely love cows. I've always loved school and learning, and I'm so excited to spend this year growing, learning, and making memories with your students!

Fun Facts

*I have a daughter.
I love incorporating music into lessons!
I can play the piano!*

Contact

You can reach me via email or by phone. I'm available for meetings by appointment.

(330)7463970 ext. 2040
mgordon@youngstownacademy.org



About Me

Welcome! I'm Miss Gordon, your child's classroom teacher. I'm passionate about teaching and excited to create a supportive classroom where every student feels valued, encouraged, and inspired to succeed. My goal is to build a positive learning environment where students can grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Together, we'll make this year a fun, memorable, and rewarding learning experience!



2nd Grade Supply List

- 2 wide-ruled composition notebooks
- 1 wide-ruled spiral notebook
- 2 boxes of tissues
- Glue sticks (Elmer's preferred)
- 2 boxes of crayons (Crayola preferred)
- 2 boxes of markers (Crayola preferred)
- 1 pair of children's safety scissors
- 1 pair of headphones with a headphone jack
- 1 pack of construction paper
- 1 container of Clorox/Lysol wipes
- 1 hard plastic pencil box
- #2 pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)
- 1 pack of pencil-top erasers
- 1 plastic ruler
- 2 black dry-erase markers
- 1 black folder with prongs
- 1 pack of colored pencils

Optional but appreciated:

- Ziplock bags (gallon or sandwich size)
- Hand sanitizer
- Extra tissues or disinfecting wipes



Meet the **TEACHER!**

My name is Barb Mitchell and I am so excited to be your student's ELA teacher.

This year is going to be exciting. I hope you are all excited about having me back as your child's teacher! We will be reading and writing like CHAMPIONS!!



My Favorites:

- ♥ Teaching
- ♥ Dogs
- ♥ Suckers
- ♥ Reading
- ♥ Baking
- ♥ Movies
- ♥ Family
- ♥ Traveling

Mrs. Mitchell

My Education:

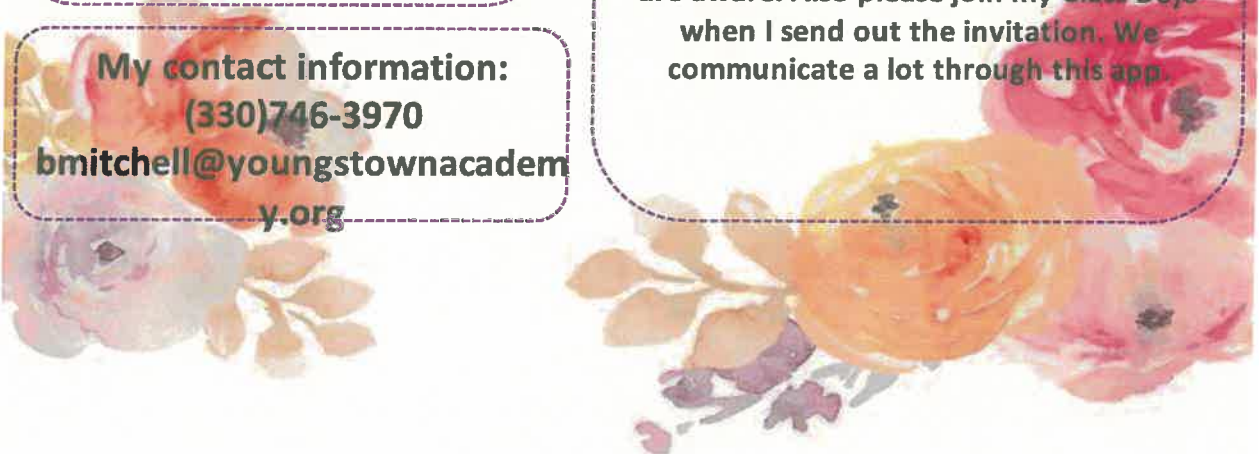
In 2015, I graduated for Youngstown State University with my bachelor's in early education. I have taught grades 2-6 with a majority of my career being in third grade.

A few things you should know:

I do not assign much homework. The homework will usually be studying spelling words each night for ten minutes each night and then reading independently for at least 20 minutes each night. Any homework other than this, I will let you know via Dojo, so you are aware. Also please join my Class Dojo when I send out the invitation. We communicate a lot through this app.

My contact information:

**(330)746-3970
bmitchell@youngstownacademy.org**



Meet the TEACHER!

My name is Mrs. Smith.
There are some amazing things for the 26/27 school year. I will be one of the 3,4,5 grade teachers! I am really excited see returning friends and meet new friends!



My Favorites:

- ♥ Teaching
- ♥ Dogs
- ♥ Coloring
- ♥ Gardening
- ♥ Cats
- ♥ Reading
- ♥ Family
- ♥ Friends

Mrs. Smith

My Education:

I have three degrees. I have a BA in English, a BS in Criminal Justice, and a Masters.

I few things to know:

I was born and raised in Ashland, Ohio. After graduating from Kent State in 2006, I moved to Denver, Colorado. I lived there for 10 years working in a pathology lab.

I have been married to my husband for 15 years. I have one son. His name is Gunnar and he is 13. He will be in 9th grade at Fitch. I have three dogs, Kevin, Angus, and Tilly. I also have three cats, Wednesday, Murphy, and Marty.

My contact information:

ssmith@youngstownacademy.org

Meet the Teacher!

Hi, I'm Mrs. Ruiz!



The Basics!

This is my 2nd year at Youngstown Academy of Excellence and I am SO EXCITED to be teaching here! I will be teaching 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades Science and Social Studies.

My Favorites!

Color-Purple

Food-Hibachi

Season-Summer

Animal-Dog (I have 2!)

Quote- "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

Where I'm From!

I was born and raised in Campbell, OH and still live here with my husband and twin 3½ year old girls!

My Education!

I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, both from Youngstown State University!

Supply List for grades 3-5 2026-2027

- 6 x 1-subject compositions notebooks.
- 3 x pocket folders with binder holes. 1 blue. 1 green and 1 yellow
- 4 packs of Number 2 pencils (please no pencils with plastic wrapping) Ticonderoga is preferred.
- 1 pack of pencil top erasers
- 3 pairs of ear buds or headphones (please no Beats or air pods)
- 2 x pack of glue sticks (please no liquid glue)
- 1x 24 pack of crayons (Crayola preferred)
- 2 packs of black Expo dry erase markers
- 1 pair of safety scissors
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 pencil pouch (nothing that has a key and lock) Zipper lunches bags are the best.
- 3 packs of index cards. Lined or unlined
- Ruler
- Multi-color hi-lighters
- 2 containers of Lysol wipes
- One backpack (No wheels)
- Protractor (fifth grade only)
- Multiplication flashcards
- **Plastic water bottle**

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS



HELLO 6th-7th-8th- graders.

Let me introduce myself. I'm Ms. Vasquez, but the students prefer to call me Ms. V. I am the 8th grade Homeroom teacher. I teach 6-7-8th grade English Language Arts.

Education

This is my 13th year of teaching.

I earned my Bachelor's degree at Youngstown State University and my Master's degree in Special Education K-12 at Grand Canyon University.

This is my 6th year at Youngstown Academy of Excellence.

A little about myself

I have traveled quite a bit, lived in many different places, but will always think of Youngstown as home.

I love music, art, History, being out in nature, and reading.

I have twin boys and a daughter in law AND a newly minted abuela to my granddaughter!

I love to be with my friends and family.

I hope this year to awaken a love for lifelong learning in your child. I am looking forward to a **GREAT** year.

Ms. Vasquez

Contact information

Email: avasquez@youngstownacademy.org

Phone: 330-746-3970 (School office) -

Hello Parents,

I am Mr. Lucia and I am teaching your 6th, 7th and 8th grade students Social Studies and Science this year. I am returning for my seventh year teaching at Youngstown Academy of Excellence.

I am looking forward to being in the classroom again with students participating in both social studies and science. I hope to work with you as well as your students to make sure they are successful in their studies as well as preparing them for High School.

Thank you,

Mr. Lucia

Youngstown Academy of Excellence

vlucia@youngstownacademy.org

MEET THE TEACHER!

Mrs. Rachel Rice

The Basics!



Hi! My name is Mrs. Rachel Rice. I will be your child's 6th, 7th, and 8th, grade Math teacher for the 2026-2027 school year! This will be my 10th year at Youngstown Academy of Excellence! I enjoy traveling & spending time with my friends and family. I am excited to see what all this school year brings!



MY LIFE!

I grew up in Warren, OH where I attended Howland Local Schools for Kindergarten through 12th grade. I graduated from Howland High School in 2011. I participated in softball, basketball, dance, and band. I am 33 years young! I currently live in Farmdale, OH with my husband, Spencer, our daughter, Allyson, and our two dogs, Toby and Zoey.



MY FAVORITES!

Food: Pizza
TV Show: Big Brother
Book: Nicholas Sparks
Color: Blue
Drink: Iced Tea
Season: Fall
Sports: Baseball
Fast Food: Dunkin Donuts
Music: Country
Hobby: Spending Time With Family
Subject: Math
Store: Target
Dessert: Cheesecake
Candy: Skittles
Restaurant: Mizu

MY EDUCATION!



In May of 2015, I graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Middle Level Math Education from Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania. In November 2015, I earned my Ohio teaching license in Middle Childhood Math. In August of 2020, I graduated with my Masters degree in Early Education from American College of Education.

CONTACT ME!

Email: rrice@youngstownacademy.org

Phone: 330-746-3970 (School Office)

You can also send a note with your child!

I will also be using **class dojo** to communicate with you this year!



Supply List for 6/7/8

- 2 College Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- 3 packs of College Ruled Notebook Paper
- 2 Highlighters
- 2 pack of Pencils
- 1 pack of Colored Pencils
- 1 pair of Scissors
- 2 pack of Glue Sticks
- 1 pack of Expo Markers
- Pencil Pouch
- A clear water bottle
- Hand Sanitizer
- Tissues
- Lysol Wipes