



MEET the Teacher



Mrs. Burdett

Welcome Back to the 2019-20 school year! My name is Mrs. Katie Burdett and I am *thrilled* to be your child's teacher this year! This is my 9th year of teaching and my 2nd year in San Leandro Unified School District. I taught for the previous 7 years in Oakland, CA and Tulsa, OK. Growing up I was an avid performer and eventually pursued my passion by getting a degree in theatre arts from Sonoma State University. Some exciting news is that my husband, Brian, and I are expecting our first child together due this September! We are so thankful to become parents and I am confident that our class will have a great school year, even while I am gone from September - December on maternity leave.

When it comes to education, I am a firm believer that everyone can achieve great things if they truly put their mind to it. This looks different for each student that will walk through my door, but I hope to partner with you and your student to reach that level of greatness. I pledge to do my best to meet individual needs and to make our classroom a safe and exciting place to be. I want my third graders to be role models on campus, which means there will be certain behavior and participation expectations for my students that I will need your support with holding each of them accountable to throughout the school year.

If we work together in holding high standards and expectations, I know your student will have a successful school year!

My favorites

Drink: Diet Coke, Vanilla Latte, & Iced Black Tea (with A LOT of ice)

Food: Chinese Food, Sushi, & Tacos

Candy: Chocolate, Toffee, & Sour Patch Kids

Snack: TJ's Hummus, Popcorn, & Doritos

Hobbies: Baking, volunteering at church, & spending time getting ready for our new baby!

Sports Teams: SF 49ers & Oakland A's

Stores: Target & Amazon

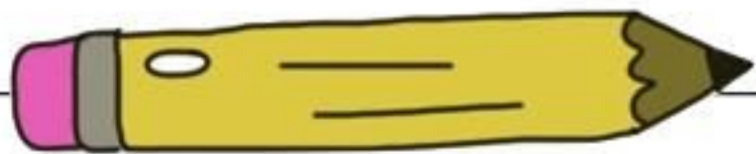
Book: Hunger Games Series

Flower: White Daisy

Season: Fall

My family

I am the youngest of three girls and my entire family, including my parents and my in-laws, live here in the Bay Area. My husband, Brian, is a nurse at Kaiser Oakland and we live in Castro Valley with our two cats and soon to be our baby girl!



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On Time Every Day

Be sure that your child attends school every day and on time - school starts at 8:10a. Please make medical appointments *after* school or as late in the day as possible.

Headphones/EarBuds

All students will need to provide one set of personal earbuds for computer use. It is vital that students have working headphones in order to be able to participate with the technology in class. These can be purchased at the Dollar Store, Target, or on Amazon.

Cell Phones

I know many of you give your children cell phones so you can communicate with them after school. While I understand this is a necessity for some families, please let your student know that they must be kept off and in their backpack during the school day. If you need to contact your student during the day, call the front office and they will call our classroom.

Trust Me

Finally, *please* trust me. I have your child's best interest in mind when I plan each day. I know I am teaching important skills and will always work to support every student.

Check Hornet Folder Daily

Please take a few moments *every day* to look through your child's school folder. There are important papers that are sent home throughout the week. This folder should stay in your child's backpack all week long and is due every Friday with completed homework.

Healthy Snacks

If possible, send a healthy snack (examples: cheese, yogurt, fruit, carrot sticks) with your child every day. Students get very hungry between breakfast and lunch and this affects their attention. Our morning recess is designated as "snack recess."

Important Dates

Our Weekly Specials Schedule

Physical Education: Mondays 9:00-9:50a & Thursdays 10:55-11:45a

**tennis shoes required on PE days*

Music: Tuesdays 1:20-2:10p

Art: Wednesdays 1:00-1:50p

Library: TBD

Recess & Lunch

Morning Snack Recess: 9:50-10:05a

Lunch: 11:45-12:30p

Your child may purchase a hot lunch each day for \$2.50. For your convenience, lunch cards can be purchased in the office. Free and reduced lunch recipients must fill out appropriate paperwork through food services.

Classroom Volunteers

Volunteer packets are online and they require fingerprinting (LIVESCAN), TB test results, and a new volunteer packet to be filled out and submitted to the office. Ways you can help:

- ★ Help with class parties
- ★ Work with small groups or one-on-one
- ★ Prep materials/make copies
- ★ Update bulletin boards
- ★ Chaperone Field Trips

→ **Early Dismissal Aug 14-23**
Students will be at school 8:10a-1:50p. Be sure to pick up your child at the correct time each day.

→ **Parent/Teacher Conferences Aug 15-23**
Schedule a time to meet with me to discuss the school year.

→ **Learning Academy week of Aug 26**
Students will be notified to see if they qualified for additional academic support to start this week.