

# Welcome to Second Grade!

Hello! My name is Laura Durns, and I want to let you know how happy I am to be your child's teacher this year. The past two years have been quite a challenge in the classroom due to Covid. This year may also be a year of learning to navigate unpredicted challenges. As a teacher, I think it is important that we work together as a team to help support your child to allow them to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. I believe open dialogue is key to a successful school year.

Since this is my first year at Pine Run, I would like to tell you a little about myself. I went to Loyola College (Loyola University in Maryland) for my undergraduate degree in Elementary Education. I went to Trenton State (The College of New Jersey) for my master's in Special Education. I have taught students in grades K through 6 in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania. My most recent position was at Butler Elementary for 17 years.

I am married, and I have a 14-year-old son. My son, Tristan, has Autism, so he keeps us on our toes! My family enjoys going to Penn State football games, swimming in our pool, and playing with our pets. We have a companion dog and two cats. We live in a farmhouse that was built in 1735 in the North Penn School District.

More importantly, I can't wait to meet my class on August 30<sup>th</sup>! I am busy getting the curriculum, supplies and classroom ready for your child. The first day will be here before we know it! Hopefully you will enjoy this last month of summer.

Please see the list of supplies recommended for each student to bring to school by the end of the first week. For the safety of your student, please also make sure they know what form of transportation to take to and from school or send in a note to let me know. We will have a snack time every day, so please send your child in with a healthy, easy to eat snack to each day.

Feel free to contact me as needed by emailing me at [ldurns@cbsd.org](mailto:ldurns@cbsd.org). I look forward to meeting you at Back-to-School Night and being part of a momentous year in your child's education.

Mrs. Durns