

Meet the TEACHER



Miss Kathleen Bortz, M.S. Ed

Welcome to 1st grade! My name is Kathleen Bortz. I am incredibly passionate about my job and take the responsibility of educating young children very seriously. I do my best to keep our days full of exciting, developmentally appropriate activities which support a positive and active learning environment, focused on the whole child. Instructionally, my emphasis is not only on academics, but also on developing social skills and responsibility. In the classroom, you can expect me to be positive, kind, and honest with your child. In terms of management, I use a combination of firmness and consistency, positive reinforcement, and open communication with you, the parent.

My Favorites

COLOR: Green
ANIMAL: Gorillas
TEAM: Eagles, Phillies, Flyers, 76ers, & Temple
HOBBY: Reading
STORE: Target
DRINK: Water or tea
CANDY: Reese's Cups
BOOK: *Oh! The Places You'll Go!*; anything by Mo Willems!

A Little Bit About Me

I grew up in Langhorne and currently reside in Ambler. However, one of my favorite things to do is travel! I'm fortunate to have visited many different places in my life, my favorites being London, Santorini, Dubrovnik, Bruges, Paris, Disney, the Outer Banks, Bermuda, and Ireland. I hope to one day visit all 50 states and stand on all 7 continents ☺ I have been working in CB since 2008 and joined the first-grade team at Butler family in 2014. I am very grateful to be a part this incredible community! This is such a special time for you and your child; I cannot wait to begin working, learning, and growing alongside each other this year. More of your questions will be answered at Back to School Night in September, where we will discuss curriculum, classroom procedures, ways to volunteer, and get to know each other!

Educational Background

- o I attended schools in the Neshaminy School District through eighth grade and then graduated from Villa Joseph Marie High School in Holland, PA.
- o I have a Bachelor's Degree from Temple University in Elementary and Early Childhood Education (Class of 2007). I am very proud to be Temple Made!
- o I have a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Delaware Valley University (Class of 2017). Fun fact: I'm certified to be an administrator! But I'm not ready to leave the classroom just yet.
- o Also, in the summer of 2014, I completed the Pennsylvania Writing and Literacy Project through West Chester University, meaning I am a National Writing Project fellow. Simply put, I love to write and wanted to learn more about the best ways to teach children to express themselves through writing!

Contact Information

You are your child's first, and most important, teachers. Your involvement and support in the school community is the key to our having a successful, positive school year. I welcome and appreciate communication with families. Email is the easiest way to get a hold of me during the day, but we can always schedule a phone call. Also, feel free to send in notes with your child, and make sure to check your child's folder daily ☺

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