

Welcome



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Dear Parents,

We are going to have a wonderful year in second grade in room 13 of Mission School! I am looking forward to getting to know your children and you, too. Your help and support will help make our year even better.

I have been teaching at Mission School since 1992. I taught first grade for 13 years and now am in my fifth year teaching second grade. My first teaching job, however, was teaching high school Spanish, but I much prefer teaching children at the elementary school level.

I am married and have three children. My husband, Ted, is in sales and travels for business throughout the western United States. My daughters live in Berkeley; my son lives in Encinitas. We also have two dogs and four cats at home.

Our class will participate in the SMILES dental program this year. We will rinse with fluoride once a week. This program is FREE. Please remember to sign the permission slip and return it with your child tomorrow.

If you need to speak with me about your son or daughter, please call the school at 966-8700. You can leave me a message, or you can send a note with your child. I will answer you as quickly as possible. I will be unable to speak with you during school hours. You can also email me at: tbrunner@oside.k12.ca.us or mrsbrunner@mrsbrunnersclass.com. I have a class website that you can visit, www.mrsbrunnersclass.com. I will be updating it for this school year in the next couple of weeks. Be sure to check it often for more updates during the school year.

An important foundation of our classroom community will be following five Lifelong Guidelines:

- Trustworthiness
- Truthfulness
- Active Listening
- No Put-downs
- Personal Best

These Lifelong Guidelines are the agreed upon behaviors for our classroom. That means that we expect these behaviors from ourselves and others. By following these Lifelong Guidelines we will make sure that all students are in an environment that encourages exploring, discovering, and learning. We will be learning more about each of these Guidelines during the coming weeks.

Children who don't follow the Lifelong Guidelines will receive consequences (lose recesses; or in severe cases, a referral to the principal). You will be informed of any behavior problems that your child has. Those who are well behaved will receive rewards such as the opportunity to be Student of the Month.

I know that we are going to have a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Trish Brunner