

MEET THE teacher



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About Me

Hello! My name is Mrs. Gallagher. You can call me Mrs. G, if you want! My favorite color is green and my favorite animal is the sloth. In my free time, I treasure every minute that I can spend with my daughter, Alma and my husband, Mr. Gallagher. I also love to practice mindfulness and I love to explore nature.

This will be my 8th year teaching at Highland Park! I taught 2nd grade for seven years and I also taught 4th grade for one year. I received my Bachelor Degree in Education from West Chester University and I received my Master Degree of Education in Applied Behavior Analysis from Arcadia University. Over the summer, I participated in and will continue to participate in self-driven personal and professional development revolving around social injustice. As a teacher, a co-worker, a mama, a family member, a friend, and an advocate, this work has been critically important. I have been engaging in many different types of resources including children's literature, adult literature, documentaries, panels with voices of deeply passionate and knowledgeable members, etc. It is my mission to show up for my students by working to create a brave space with equitable learning opportunities for all voices to be heard, respected, and valued. Human beings are lifelong learners and we are so fortunate to possess the ability to continue to seek ways to grow our brains, hearts, and perspectives. At the core of everything we will work to do together this year is the understanding that in our classroom, WE ARE FAMILY. We will work together as a team to support each other in this learning adventure. That said, your feedback is always 100% appreciated.



About You

[Click here](#) to complete the Guardian Survey. This is an opportunity for me to learn more about you and your student and how to provide the best support this year, as we work together. With special consideration to our virtual learning, I want to be aware of the needs of each individual student and family. Please know that I am now and will continue to be here to support your child however I am able to. We are a team and it is so important to me that we continue to build the bridge between home and school, even if we are learning distantly.



Community Expectations

[Click here](#) for our virtual learning expectations. These will be introduced and practiced over the first couple of weeks during our live sessions, rather than all at once.

Community Expectations help us make the most out of our learning experience together. Expectations are things that we need each other to do, in order to be our absolute best and to make our best choices when we are working together. Following our expectations helps everyone to feel respected and valued. Feeling respected and valued helps us to feel happy, share that happiness with others, and encourage each other. In our classroom, we are family and we will stick together, no matter what.

The district has created a Parent Guide that outlines expectations along with other information that will help you and your student to get the most out of our distance learning experience. Here is the guide in both English and Spanish:

[English Parent Guide](#)

[Spanish Parent Guide](#)



Our Schedule

[Click here](#) for a copy of the “student friendly” daily schedule.

[Click here](#) for the daily schedule that includes information about each time slot during the day.

Every morning, from 1:00-3:30 pm, students will log on to our LIVE google meet here:

<https://meet.google.com/obs-mauy-xod>

This link will also be posted on Schoology. Students who receive ELL or Special Education services will receive communication from their teachers about any adjustments to their daily schedules.



Supply List



[Click here](#) to see this year's supply list for 2nd grade.

What will your student need for learning at home?

- **2 notebooks:**
Please label one for "Writing" and one for "Mindfulness"
- **Sharpened Pencils**
- **Headphones**
This will support your student's focus during our live lessons
- **Dry Erase Markers**
A white board will be provided during materials pick up

If we return to a hybrid teaching model later this fall, all supplies will be needed for our in-person instruction.



Rainbow of Hope Project

We are asking all 2nd graders to participate in our Rainbow of Hope project. Directions are here: [Rainbow of Hope Directions](#). Create a rainbow at home and take a picture of it. Then, post it on Schoology in the folder called, "Rainbow of Hope Project". If we return back to school in-person with our hybrid model, we will post the pictures for students to remind them that their rainbow is a sign of hope for us all during these times. If you have any difficulty posting the pictures to Schoology, you can also email them to me!

