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# CLASS





# MEET the TEACHER

MRS.  
Short

- This is my 14<sup>th</sup> year teaching!
- I married my high school sweetheart and we have three children.
- I am a member of First Baptist Church Prattville.
- I received my undergraduate degree from AUM and obtained my master's from Troy University Montgomery.
- I love to travel and watch sports.
- I believe that school should consist of a fun-loving, yet nurturing environment.
- WAR EAGLE!!!!!!!



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# MEET the TEACHER

MRS.  
Boswell

- This will be my first official year teaching! Some students may know me as Ms. Morris from substituting the Gifted classroom last Spring.
- I received my Bachelor's Degree of Elementary Education from Judson College in the Fall of 2019.
- I recently married my husband, Nathan Boswell. We have a cat, Princess, and a puppy, Pickles whom we love.
- I like to stay active while playing softball and pickle ball. I also like to serve at my local church in the production area.

In my class, students will be loved and have fun learning how to be responsible and become lifelong learners.





# IMPORTANT

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# IMPORTANT

## information

Be sure your child has lunch \$ and knows how to get home Tuesday!

[www.paypams.com](http://www.paypams.com) can be used to keep up with lunch accounts

Juice & Snack: .25 to \$1.00 each

\*\*\*\*\*Lockers: NO LOCKERS THIS YEAR!\*\*\*\*\*

INOVV: \$10 for per family

\$11.00 = 1,000 copies for our classroom

\*All donations will provide technology and copies for students. We GREATLY appreciate any classroom donations. Please make checks payable to DPES.

Please write your child's name & my name in the MEMO on checks.

All medication has to be administered by our school nurse.





# IMPORTANT

## information

### Transportation:

- **Carpool**— Car Riders will be dismissed in the carpool line outside the gym beginning at 3:00pm. Carpool ends at 3:15pm. If carpool is over, you will need to come to the front office to sign your child out. No parents are to walk up to the carpool area. For the first weeks of school, parents will need to have a piece of paper with his/her child's name, teacher, and grade level written and visible in the windshield. A formal DPES label will be provided to all students within the first two weeks of school.





# IMPORTANT

## information

### Transportation:

- **Walkers**— Walkers will be dismissed from the front of the building at 3:00 p.m. All walkers will be led to the crossing guard at the corner of Tara and Harvest Loop or can follow the sidewalk down Harvest Loop. No student will be allowed to walk through the neighborhood gate alone. Students must be escorted by a parent.
- For the safety of our students, NO parent is to park in the front parking lot and walk up to the breezeway to pick up your child during afternoon dismissal.





# IMPORTANT

## information

### COVID Safety

- Students will be required to wear a mask at all times during transitions. You Move- You Mask!
- We will try to maintain 6 ft social distancing at all times- in the classroom and during transition times.
- Please send a water bottle with your child everyday as we will not be allowed to drink from the water fountains. We will have multiple refilling stations set up around the school.





# IMPORTANT

## information

### COVID Safety

- School visits will be limited to necessary meetings only. Virtual meetings are highly encouraged.
- Parents will use a Kiosk machine for checking-in and checking-out their child.
- All visitors must wear a face mask at all times.
- All visitors must use a hand sanitizing station upon entering the building.
- No parent volunteers are allowed.
- No parents, siblings, or visitors will be allowed into the school building without an appointment.
- Parents who enter the building for appointments are required to wear a face mask/covering.
- Visitors will not be allowed to eat lunch at DPES.





# IMPORTANT

## information

COVID Safety

### Lunch Procedures

- All tables will be arranged in the lunchroom to ensure proper social distancing.
- All tables will be marked for assigned seating that ensures proper social distancing.
- Entrance and exit directional arrows are on the floor of the cafeteria to ensure proper flow and social distancing.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be located at the entrance to the lunchroom.
- Students will be served a grab-and-go style lunch. No one will be allowed to serve themselves.





# our SCHEDULE

Homeroom- 7:45-8:00

8:00-8:25

Character Education/Breakfast in Classroom

1<sup>st</sup> Block- 8:25-10:10

Reading/ELA (Short's homeroom)

Math/Science/Social Studies (Boswell's homeroom)

P.E.- 10:10-10:50

Snack- 10:50-11:10

2<sup>nd</sup> Block- 11:45-2:40

Math/Science/Social Studies (Short's homeroom)

Reading/ELA (Boswell's homeroom)

Lunch- 1:04-1:27

Wrap up/Character Ed./Dismissal: 2:40-3:05

Music/Technology:

Boswell- 8:30-9:15

Short- 9:20-10:05





# SPECIALS

Music/Technology:

Boswell- 8:30-9:15

Short- 9:20-10:05

Library: Flex times





# CLASSROOM management

The purpose is to provide a conducive learning environment.  
**Common rewards:** treats, positive notes sent home, extra privileges, extra outside play time weather permitting, etc.

**Common consequences:** warning, silent snack/lunch, parent contact, admin or counselor conference, office referral.

Major offenses will result in an immediate office referral.





# CLASSROOM management

- This year DPES will be using ClassDojo as a behavioral management system.
- Each week, students will begin with 5 green dojos. Students could lose a point if classroom expectations are not met.

## -Classroom Expectations-

- Be prepared
- Be respectful
- Be honest
- Be successful and give your best effort
- Participate in class appropriately

- SIGN UP FOR CLASS DOJO- Directions were mailed home.







## Demerit System:

- Demerit system-any employee can issue a demerit and 3 demerits require administration discipline
- This year demerits will require a parent signature.
- This is your child's responsibility to bring home and return signed demerit.





# COMMUNICATION

## information

Remind101: Text reminders throughout the year-tests, projects, deadlines, dress up days, etc.

- Text "mrsshort6" to this number: 81010
- Text "boswell6" to this number: 81010

Contact Info:

[Shawna.short@cacboe.net](mailto:Shawna.short@cacboe.net) or [ashtin.boswell@cacboe.net](mailto:ashtin.boswell@cacboe.net)

School phone number: 334-361-6400







[www.dpeseagles.com](http://www.dpeseagles.com)

- Webpages are updated weekly. We provide detailed information on what we are doing in class. Please utilize this valuable resource!





# ATTENDANCE

## policies

\*Students will be seated in the hallway between 7:15-7:45, and then will be allowed to enter the classroom.

\*Please review over the attendance policy in the Daniel Pratt Elementary School Student Handbook.





# READING

## information

1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks – Wonder by: RJ Palacio

2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks – Freak the Mighty by: Rodman Philbrick

3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks– The Watsons Go to Birmingham by: Christopher Paul Curtis

4<sup>th</sup> 9 weeks- The Outsiders by: S. E. Hinton

I do not issue reading books because we do not read the stories in the books. Occasionally we may use the reading book to help reinforce the reading skill that we are focusing on, but often times we do not need it.

Students will have a novel packet for each novel we read. This is **IMPORTANT** to keep up with and turn in at the end of each nine weeks. Students should keep their novel packet in his/her literacy binder.

We will also focus on Schools PLP in Schoology in order to be prepared in the event we are sent virtual. Our students will be prepared!





# WRITING

## information

This year we will follow the 6+1 traits of writing. We will also focus heavily on narrative reflective pieces. Students will do A LOT of writing this year. We will have daily mini-lessons and a timed writing at the end of every week. During the second semester, students will be required to write a literary analysis based on the novel we will read during the third nine weeks. This literary analysis will also be turned in to a 90 second oral presentation. This will help in preparation for the wax museum in the spring!

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# SPELLING

## information

In spelling, we will focus on a new phonics pattern each week. We will also heavily emphasize the meaning of the words. Students will be given a list of all words for each unit. This will be placed in their Literacy binder.

Students will take a spelling pre-test on Tuesday. If he/she makes a 100/A+ on the pre-test, then the post test on Friday will not be required! 😊

All post tests will be given on Friday unless otherwise noted.





# HOMework

## information

Homework will typically be given on Monday (or the first day of the week if school is out). Homework is used to review and reinforce weekly skills that we are covering in class. Additional homework can be given if I feel like students need extra practice on a particular skill. All homework is due the next day (unless otherwise noted).

**\*\*Any homework that is not turned in or completed will result in -10 points from each subject's homework average. Students will also have silent snack if no homework was turned in.**





# grading POLICY

## Reading percentages:

50%-Major grades (includes, but not limited to, weekly skills tests, teacher-made tests, projects, novel packets, unit tests, and Schools PLP)

45%-Minor grades (includes, but not limited to, vocabulary, skill sheets, novel activities, Schools PLP)

5%- Homework

## Language Arts percentages:

50%- Minor grades (includes, but not limited to, skill pages, weekly spelling tests, homework, journals, quizzes, Schools PLP)

45%-Major grades (weekly grammar tests, writing projects, unit tests, and Schools PLP)

5%- Homework

Handwriting will receive *Satisfactory*, *Unsatisfactory*, or *Needs Improvement*







- Science & SS – rarely assigned homework; required to know vocab and take notes; complete workbook pages; could have projects throughout the year
- Wax Museum-counts for a MAJOR grade for McKinley AND Short!
- Math – Expect homework! Take neat notes and study them nightly. Every student is expected to try; must show work-no answers only; timed tests

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Extra credit is typically needed or requested due to the student not doing what is expected in the first place. Therefore, we do not offer extra credit.

Students are often offered bonus points on tests-this is the only way to earn extra points to make up for mistakes (low grades).





# special EVENTS

Lots of fun things happening during your Senior Year of elementary school!



Dress-ups days  
Outside play  
Novel parties  
Wax Museum  
Virtual field trips





# special EVENTS

## Wax Museum

A handout will be given during the first week of school. As of now, we will plan to do it virtually.

This counts as a grade in Language Arts + Social Studies.  
Students will prepare for this event all year long.







*\*Pick up your child's folder at Supply Pick up Day\**

*Folders- Left side*

- Index card (white) needs to be signed and left with me today*
- Stapled section-complete and return asap*
- INOW is \$10 per DPES family-highly suggested*
- Lunch form*
- Lunch & snack menu*
- Please support Box Tops*







## Folders- Right side

- This information will remain in the classroom for teacher's quick access.
- Grading Policy, Classroom Procedures, Discipline Plan, Student Info, etc.





# VOLUNTEER

## information

- Box Tops volunteer
- Monthly Fun Friday snacks/drinks (snacks individually wrapped)







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QUESTIONS?

Please email us at:

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