

PERSONAL VPOD INFO

Hey Parents! My name is Evyn Graham. In the classroom, I go by Ms. Evyn. I choose to go by my first name for two reasons. One, I feel like younger students feel a bit more comfortable by being on a first name basis. Two, it can be very confusing for students to go through name changing after a teacher getting married. By going by my first name, I take that confusion off the table.

During this video, I will be hitting on a few main topics including personal background knowledge, my teaching philosophy, and how I deal with the pros and cons of integrating technology into my classroom . This video is intended to give you more information about me and how I run my classroom through a more personal form of communication. Let's jump right in with some background knowledge about myself.

I grew up in Hickory Ridge, Arkansas and attended Wynne Primary School during this time. After completing the second grade, I moved to Collierville, TN where I repeated the second grade. I attended private Christian schools till after my junior year of high school. Once I completed my junior year of high school, I entered into the Early Entrance Program at Arkansas State University. This program allowed me to start at Arkansas State without obtaining my high school diploma.

Throughout my college career, I worked as a substitute teacher for the Nettleton School District and was an active member of Chi Omega Fraternity. During this time, I served on a variety of executive boards and volunteered many hours for Make A WishMidsouth. May 2021, I graduated from Arkansas State University with a Bachelors of Science in Education.

In the future, I hope to be able to further my education through a Masters degree and specialist. I would be a dream to be able to obtain my doctorate in order to work in administration or work with creating curriculum. Some of my biggest

passions include being an active member of Valley View Church of Christ, traveling around the world to scuba dive and hike, and teaching children.

As a teacher, I have lots of personal opinions I would love to share with you. By the time a student finishes 12th grade, that student will have spent the majority of their life in a school and under the influence of their teacher. I understand these statistics and hope to be the best example possible for my students. I want to not only be an educator, but also be a trusted friend to my students. It is important for students to be able to trust their teachers or their education will suffer. I also want my students to feel comfortable in my classroom. I do not tolerate unkindness or bullying at all. I want my classroom to be a safe place for my students to learn and grow personally, socially, and academically.

When it comes to integrating technology into the classroom, I have lots of thoughts on the pros and cons. Technology in the classroom can be a wonderful tool. There are amazing websites and apps that definitely help not only teachers to teach, but it also helps students to learn better. The internet in general has absolutely amazing resources for teachers, and those resources should be encouraged to use. Although these resources are great, there are some cons to technology. Many teachers use iPads and computers as a way to control the classroom rather than as a learning aid or tool. Integrating technology is supposed to be a tool for a lesson, not the lesson itself. Throughout my classroom, I will be integrating lots of technology, but I also will be using the traditional teaching strategies through worksheets and group discussion.

On my classroom website, I have my all my classroom rules and technology/internet rules that I would love for my student's parents to read and understand. I'll finish up with one of my favorite quotes: "The best teachers teach from the heart, not a book." Throughout my teaching career, my hope is to teach my students a lot more than just academics. I hope to teach them personal and social skills as well.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to ask. You can contact me through my email. Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know me and my classroom a bit better. Have a blessed day.