



Dear Brave Virtual Academy Family,

We are so excited to welcome you to a new school year full of promise and possibilities! While we know that times are uncertain, we want you to know that we're starting this year excited for:

- the development of strong relationships between students, parents, and teachers
- students as active partners in their own learning with an emphasis on personalized learning
- and most importantly... helping your student further develop their LOVE for learning

We are so excited to meet you! Below is a little information about your teacher:

Kindergarten Teachers:



Hi, I'm Mrs. Stevens and so glad we will be friends this year. My family lives in the Loveland/Kings area and we like to spend as much time as we can outside with our beloved dog, Clemson. Our boys swim for the Cincinnati Marlins and love snowboarding during the winter. We are enjoying life!

I have been teaching kindergarten at IHPS for lots and lots of years.... I even WENT to Indian Hill when I was little. I love our IH Community. We are going to have such a great year of learning in BVA together...Welcome to the IHPS family!



Hi, I'm Mrs. Zink and I am excited to be a part of the Braves Virtual Academy. This is my eleventh year teaching Kindergarten here in Indian Hill. My husband, Jeff, and I have three daughters. Lily (16) and Nora (13) attend Walnut Hills and Mae (8) will be a 3rd grader at Hyde Park School. We are a busy family and we love spending time together. We enjoy going to FC Cincinnati games, traveling, and spending time with extended family- all of which we look forward to doing again soon!

First Grade Teachers:



My name is Michelle Sweeney. I have taught first grade for eleven years and am super excited to be working with you this year! I have also been an ESL teacher

and have worked with students at the University of Cincinnati as a student teacher supervisor. I have a fourth grader, Carson and a second grader, Madilyn. My husband, Chip, and I enjoy keeping up with our two busy children and our new Mini Goldendoodle, Wrigley (I grew up in Chicago and LOVE the Cubs!!). In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, watching my children play sports, and running!



My name is Tami Miller and I am so excited to be a part of the Brave Virtual Academy! This will begin my 14th year as a primary teacher (K-1). My husband, Mike, and I have two daughters. Larkin will be a 5th grader and Lynlee will be a 2nd grader. We rescued two beautiful Boston Terriers, Mollie (age 5) and Bellatrix (age 1). In my free time, I enjoy reading, spending time with my family, running and doing HIIT workouts. I look forward to a great

year together with you!

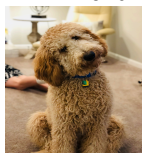
Second Grade Teachers:



I am Elizabeth Ruebusch and am so excited to be one of the 2nd grade teachers for Brave Virtual Academy! This is my 15th year at IH. I have taught kindergarten, first, and second grades. This is my seventh year teaching 2nd grade! I live in Loveland with my niece Lindsey, who will be in 6th grade this year, and our three year old shih-tzu Emmy. In my free time, I love to spend time with my family and read (mysteries are my favorite!).



My name is Kristi Booth and I am one of the 2nd Grade teachers for the Brave Virtual Academy. This will be my 19th year in education and I have taught various grades and classes from 2nd grade through 8th grade. My husband, Chris, and I will celebrate our 16th wedding anniversary this December and we have three sons. Our oldest, Griffin, will be an 8th grader. Brooks will be entering 5th grade and our youngest son, Spencer, is a 2nd grader this year. We also have a giant, sweet 1 year old Goldendoodle named Gibson. We are avid baseball fans and all three of our boys play travel baseball which takes up much of my time outside of school. I also enjoy the outdoors, reading, and spending time with friends and family.



Your teachers will reach out to set up a virtual meet and greet with you very soon.

Teachers are hard at work to finalize what the student day will look like. Below is a sample of what we expect the schedule to look like including face to face live sessions and asynchronous learning in each grade level:

Kindergarten

9am LIVE Morning Meeting on Zoom

9:30-12:00 LIVE Small group learning sessions (20-30 minutes for each student) and

Asynchronous Google Classroom work (including art, gym, or music)

12:00-1:00 Lunch Break, Playtime! And occasional 1-1 assessment appointments with teacher

1pm LIVE Closing Circle on Zoom

First Grade

9am LIVE Morning Meeting on Zoom

9:30-10:40 LIVE Literacy mini-lessons, small group learning sessions and asynchronous Google Classroom work

10:45-11:00 Morning Break

11:00-11:30 Phonics & Interactive Literacy lessons

11:30-12:00 Asynchronous Unified Arts (Specials)

12:00-12:45 Lunch

12:45-1:45 LIVE Math mini-lessons, small groups and asynchronous Google Classroom math work

1:45-2:00 LIVE Read Aloud / Closing Circle

2:00-3:00 Intervention/Enrichment/Choice Time/Play Workshop

Second Grade

9am LIVE Morning Meeting on Zoom

9:25-10:40 LIVE Small group and individual learning sessions and asynchronous Google Classroom work (including reading/writing mini-lessons)

10:40-10:50 Morning Break

10:50-11:10 LIVE Interactive reading and writing and/or asynchronous phonics lessons

11:10-11:30 Asynchronous Unified Arts

11:30-12:15 Lunch Break

12:15-12:30 LIVE Math mini-lesson

12:30-1:30 LIVE Small group math work and asynchronous Google Classroom math work

1:30-1:40 Afternoon Break

1:40-2:00 LIVE Read Aloud and Closing Circle

2:00-3:00 LIVE Small Group Enrichment/Intervention & asynchronous Passion Project/Science/SS

We look forward to meeting you very soon!

Kindly,

The BVA Primary School Teachers