



Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year!

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It is an honor to be able to teach each student and to get to know each of your families as we walk through this school year. As a graduate of Christian Heritage Academy and Oklahoma Baptist University, I fully believe in the importance of a Biblically based education and developing a worldview that lines up with the Word of God. I am a mom to 6 children and 3 grands! While I am passionate about academics, I believe the most important thing in a young person's life is how God is working to prepare them for His plan. I teach based upon Biblical concepts and how each area that we study sharpens us and helps us as we reflect Christ to a lost world. How exciting to know that God has a unique plan for each one of us! After homeschooling my own children for 22 years, God called me to WOCS to continue investing in future generations. What a privilege it is!

Psalm 19:14 is our class verse this year."

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."

In this handbook I have laid out my classroom policies as well as important dates and events for the year. Please read over it and <u>return the slip</u> in your Tuesday folder, letting me know you have read it all. If you have any questions, please let me know. I am looking forward to what God has in store for each of us as we work together!

Mrs. Butcher

Policies & Procedures

- Discipline/Classroom Management: Restorative justice is a consequence that seeks to make amends after wrongdoing the goal being to make things right. We want to <u>practice</u> responsibility, diligence, kindness, respect, and honesty. Even on a good day, all of these things are impossible for us even as adults so we will show forgiveness as well as taking responsibility for our actions with natural consequences or writing/discussion action plans of how we could respond better next time. A parent will need to sign the disciplinary paragraph.
- <u>Communication</u>: A weekly email will be sent every Monday. Please read these for a summary of the weekly assignments as well as any other events that may be going on specific to our classroom. I will try to keep those short and to the point. I will also be using the mobile app "Group Me" to communicate with you throughout the year as well as send reminders.
- Also-please feel free to text my cell at any point if you simply need a short, quick response. (580) 799-4778
- If discussion is needed please text me to set up a good time to talk either on the phone or in person. Too many things can be misunderstood through text.
- <u>Homework</u>: I will not regularly assign work to be done exclusively at home. If working quietly, they will "typically" be given ample time in class to complete their pages during the scheduled subject area. Every assignment is due the next day unless specified otherwise. There will be a <u>deduction</u> of <u>10</u>
 <u>points per day</u> until it is turned in. I have a reminder board in the back of the classroom to keep them informed.

• <u>Class Descriptions, Tests, and Quizzes</u>: All tests will be announced in class ahead of time and will also be included in my Monday note for the week.

• This year will look a bit different:

In the morning, I will begin by teaching Bible, math, and language and Mrs. Shaw will be teaching science, history, and reading in the afternoon.

<u>Math</u>: There will be a daily math assignment. I will do my best to give them plenty of time to finish in class, but if they do not finish, it will be homework. (If your student struggles with multiplication or division, I highly encourage you to work with him/her nightly until those are mastered as we will be building upon those foundational facts on a daily basis.) It is understood that there will be a quiz or test every week.

Bible: Students will be tested over a memory verse each week and a unit test every two weeks. Memory verses as well as subject matter may be reviewed on <u>www.deeprootsbible.com</u> <u>Language</u>: Students will be completing daily language assignments where they will occasionally have homework. There will be quizzes within the unit and a test at the conclusion of the unit. We will be doing "short writes" weekly to conquer the fear of the blank page. There will also be a research report correlating with another subject matter later in the year. **<u>Re-do</u>:** Students may re-do assignments (not tests) with a grade below 70%; however, only 50% credit will be given for the corrected answers. <u>This is due within a</u> <u>day of the returned paper so that mastery can</u> <u>occur while we are still on that concept - not once</u> <u>we have switched units.</u>

 <u>Class Parties</u>: We will have 3 holiday parties. I appreciate your willingness to sign up for one or more class parties at the first Parent/Teacher Conference. Christmas Party – Dec.20 God's Love Party – Feb. 14 Resurrection Party – April 17

• **<u>Birthday Parties</u>**: You are welcome to bring a treat for the class to celebrate your child's birthday.

• Field Trips: September - OKC Nat'l Memorial Museum

October - Haystack Adventures

February – Main Event

April – 5^{th} Grade STARBASE (21-25)

6th Grade Trip (21-26)

