



Kraft and Smith

The Third Grade Wave

August and September 2023

Mrs. Kraft

My name is Mrs. Kraft, and I am so excited to be your teacher!



Family: My husband, Josh, and I are the proud parents of two little girls – Katie who is eight, and Kennedy who is six. We also have two dogs, Tucker and Maverick.

Education: I attended Ohio University, majoring in Early Childhood Education, and later mastered in Technology in Education through Lesley University.

Experience: I taught for fourteen years in South Carolina (both second and third grades) and have taught third grade at Greenville for the last four years. This year, I will be teaching 3rd grade Language Arts, including reading, writing, and phonics.

Favorites: I love spending time with my family, coffee, football (Ohio State and Cleveland Browns), and art (mostly doodling or painting).

This is going to be a great year!

Mrs. Smith

I am Mrs. Smith, and I am the intervention specialist. I will co-teach with Mrs. Kraft, and provide small group intervention.



Family: I enjoy spending time with my husband, Scott, and our three adult children, Lucas, Lane, and Isabella. I also love snuggling with my new grandson, Knox, who was born July 5.

Education: I earned both my Bachelors in Special Education and my Masters in Arts in Elementary Education at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Experience: This is my eighth year teaching third grade at Greenville Elementary School.

Favorites: Along with family time, I love the Cincinnati Reds, University of Kentucky basketball, needlepoint, playing with my dogs, Brady and Bailey, and plants and gardening.

I look forward to getting to know you better!

Math, Science, and SS



Your child will be switching classes this year! Ms. Borders and Miss Eley will be your child's math, science, and social studies teachers. We are so happy to be sharing kids with these outstanding teachers!

Remind App



Please be sure to download the Remind app. This is a quick and easy way for us to communicate. It is also the best way to contact me. Please see the Remind flyer for directions.

Communicator Folder and Assignment Book



Each student will have a communication folder and an assignment book that will be taken to each class, and home every night.

Their folders have a clear, outside pocket to place notes for me or the office. The inside pockets are labeled – Return to School and Keep at Home.

Please check your child's folder nightly for homework, papers returned, handouts from school, or notes. Doing so will help your child stay organized and ready for each day!

Reading



We will continue using our ELA program, called Wonders, beginning with a focus on characters' traits, feelings, and motivations, and how these elements affect the sequence of events in a story.

Writing



The month of September will be spent reviewing and writing complete sentences, working toward the goal of writing a well-organized paragraph that includes a topic sentence, at least three details that support the topic sentence, and a concluding sentence.

iPads



Your child will be provided with a school-issued iPad they will use in class daily. **Please be sure your child charges their iPad each night.** We use iPads daily, so this is very important.

Contact Us



Mrs. Kraft -

- Email: mkraft@gcswave.com
- Remind app (directions in take-home folder)

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