

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hello! My name is Mrs. Rita Scott, and I will be your child's teacher this year. Before the year gets underway, I'm taking this opportunity to let you know how happy I am that your second grader will be in my classroom for the 2023-2024 school year!

I have been teaching for 35 years. I've had experience in preschool, grades 1-5, and combo classes of 2/3 and 4/5. I hold both a Bachelor of Education Degree as well as a master's degree in education. I also have an endorsement in Early Childhood Education and English as a Second Language. Some accomplishments that I'm proud of over my career are that I was named "Teacher of the Year in 2002," included in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" publications for years 2004-2007, nominated for the "Raytheon Leaders in Education Award" in 2021, and nominated and received an award for being included in "Tucson's Top 100 Teachers" sponsored by UA and Camp Cooper in 2022.

Our first day of school is **Thursday, August 3rd, 2023**. Our school hours are 7:40 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Wednesday dismissal 1:00 p.m.). I am very excited about meeting you and sharing information about your child's awaiting progress and success in second grade. We will have a great opportunity to meet and discuss second grade expectations at our annual **Robins' K-8 Back to School Night**.

I am dedicated to making this a busy, productive, and positive year for each one of my students. I will be communicating with you often about my classroom plans, your child's progress, school events, and other activities as they arise. Please check any papers that are sent home for notes. If at any time you have a concern, please contact me at school before class begins or after students have been dismissed. I can be reached at [rita.scott@tusd1.org](mailto:rita.scott@tusd1.org) and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for understanding the importance of an instructional day with few interruptions.

I have included a copy of my supply list. Most of the supplies will be shared within the classroom; however, folders, notebooks, and scissors will not. Therefore, please write your child's name in print on these items. Be sure to contact me if you have any questions. Feel free to drop off your supplies during our school wide **Meet Your Teacher TBA in room 8**. Your child will be receiving a weekly homework packet shortly, so you may want to keep the following items on hand: crayons, glue, scissors, and a few pencils. If you are unable to supply these items at home, please let me know. I'll be happy to help.

It is extremely important that I create an environment where every child can learn and so it is necessary that everyone in my class abide by the PBIS rules.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you and your child. I am certain we will make a great team and I look forward to a great year!