



Oh, hi there!

My name is Elise Tilson, and I am so excited to be your child's second grade teacher this year! This marks my 8th year at Cory and my 12th year as an educator. I love teaching second grade, and can't wait to meet YOU!

Our Classroom:

My classroom is a warm, positive, FUN place that encourages students to think critically, problem solve together, and have fun learning. Kids enjoy my stuffy collection, my funny voices, and daily storytime where they'll

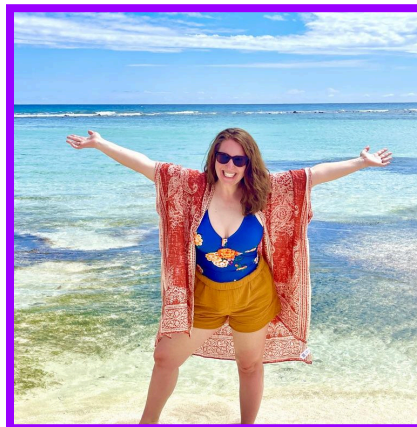
hear stories from my own childhood school days. You may have heard former students call me "Ms. Tilly", a sweet nickname that your family is welcome to use :)

About Ms. Tilly:

Although I grew up in Arkansas and Texas, my family now resides mostly in Iowa. I received my Bachelor's degree from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas and a Master's degree in Teaching from Carson-Newman University in Tennessee. I have taught in Tennessee, Uganda, and Colorado. At the conclusion of my first year teaching, I was honored to receive Eagle County's "Rookie of the Year" district-wide award. While serving in DPS, I earned the title of "Distinguished Teacher." While awards are nice to receive, my greatest achievement is my relationships with my students. Since I never had children of my own, I refer to my students as "my babies", and I'm honored to be with them from 8-3 every day.

(But I will happily give them back to you at 3:15!)

Outside of teaching, I enjoy crafting, traveling, shopping at Target, being the "fun aunt" to my nephews and niece, and watching my cats, Tilly and Tigger, wrestle! One of my favorite experiences was living in Uganda for 6 months, working as a mentor teacher for a primary school. I've also enjoyed traveling to India, Nicaragua, Mongolia, China, Costa Rica, Belize, Spain, and South Africa. I love sharing my travels with the kids and showing them the beauty in other cultures.



The First Day of School:

- Our first full day of school is Monday, August 18.
- Students can begin arriving at the playground at 8:05.
- **I will pick up our class at #6 on the blacktop.**
- The first bell rings at 8:10 and the tardy bell rings at 8:15.
- Afternoon pick up will take place at 3:15 at #6 on the blacktop. If you would like to pick your child up at Kiss and Go, please let me know. Bus riders and Discovery Link students will be dismissed from the classroom.
- **What to bring:** school supplies, full water bottle, and a morning snack

MEET THE TEACHER:

I hope you can join us on **Wednesday, August 13 at 5:00 p.m. outside on the Cory field.** If you ordered supply kits through our vendor, they will be delivered to our classroom. I would appreciate it if you could please wait to bring school supplies until the first day of school.

Click [here](#) to read about our wonderful second grade para, Ms. Bliss!

I look forward to meeting you and partnering with you this year! If you have any questions, feel free to email me at the address below.

See you soon!

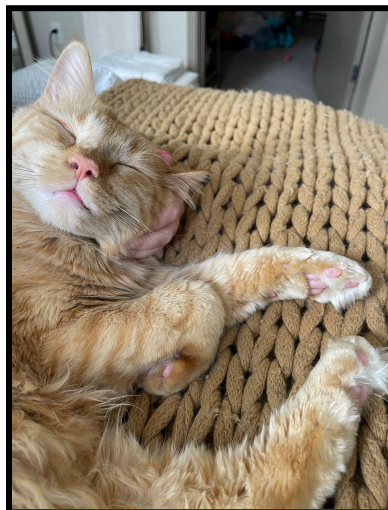
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Tilly (6 years old)



Tigger (1 year old)