Dear Second Graders & Families,

Hello! My name is Annie Guerrero and I am writing to welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year. I am thrilled to start a new learning adventure with the second grade students and families at Cory Elementary.



A little bit about me ...

I was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. In 2004, I earned my Bachelor of Arts in Education from Regis University. My teaching career began in Strasburg, Colorado, where I taught kindergarten and first grade for nine years. I joined the Cory team in 2013 and have since taught second grade, third grade, and reading intervention. I feel truly fortunate to work with such a wonderful community of students, families, and colleagues.

This summer was full of adventure, celebration, and learning! I enjoyed camping, hiking, and horseback riding, as well as spending time with family and friends. My husband, Andy, and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary with special trips to Pagosa Springs, Grand Lake, and Breckenridge. In between travels, I dedicated time to my Master's in Literacy program at the University of Colorado Denver, an exciting step in my teaching journey that I'm eager to bring into our classroom.

Outside of school, I have a passion for urban farming, cooking, reading, walking my dog, running, and taking on hands-on projects around the house. In the summer, I can often be found tending to my garden or restoring furniture. My husband and I live in Wheat Ridge with our two boys, Oli and Theo, and our dog, Rose.



Here are a few notes about the first days of school:

- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle each day (water only) to keep at their desk.
- Students may bring a healthy snack to be eaten during the morning and/or afternoon. Snacks can be kept in lunch boxes or in backpacks (not in desks).
- Our first full day of school is Monday, August 18th. Our class will line up at the number 8 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 the number 8 on the playground. If you would like to pick your child up at Kiss and Go, Discovery Link, or if your child rides the bus, I'd love to know your plans. I'm asking all parents to fill out a dismissal form so that I can ensure that your child gets to the right place. I realize that plans change throughout the year, so feel free to update as necessary.
- Meet the Teacher/Back-to-School Night will be held this Wednesday, August 13th from 5:00 to 6:30. Due to building construction, we will be holding this event outside on the field. Families can meet their child's teacher, mingle with other families, and drop off school supplies. If you ordered <u>school supplies</u> through our vendor, they will be delivered to our classroom.
- Meet our 2nd grade paraprofessional, the fabulous <u>Ms. Bliss!</u>
- Meet our student teacher, <u>Olivia Hummel!</u>

## Other important items:

- Please message me if your child goes by a different name or has a nickname they would like me to use for labeling items in the classroom.

- Please send me 3 photos of your child/family so that students can share about themselves during the first week of school. This can include family photos, summer trips or events, hobbies, or special family traditions. Please email pictures to ann\_guerrero@dpsk12.net
- Please complete this <u>family questionnaire</u>. These questions will help me to get to know your family better and provide your child with the best instruction for their unique needs this year.

Thank you so much!! I am excited for the great year we have ahead! Stay tuned for more information!

Warmly,

Mrs. Guerrero

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