

## Mrs. Wherritt's Fifth and Sixth Grade English Classes

Let me introduce myself to you. My name is Roshelle Wherritt, and my family and I live in Thomas. Rodney is my husband, and we have three daughters: Regan is a freshman at CBA, Rosalind is in the sixth grade and Rayne is in the fifth grade, both at WOCS. I am a high school English teacher by trade, but I haven't been in the classroom in 14 years! Since then, I've mostly been home with my children. I am excited for this opportunity to teach your fifth and sixth grade students. These past 14 years I have been very active in Christian education through my church in Thomas. I have been Awana commander for seven years- often delivering counciltime messages, and I've served on the Awana Missionary team for Oklahoma as well as teaching Sunday School to 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades for a number of years. I have substituted at CBA for the past two years and addressed the students in chapel on several occasions.

I believe communication is the key to any good relationship. I have an open door to you, the parents and grandparents. Contact me with any questions and concerns. You may call me, text me, or email me. If you choose to text me, please identify yourself in the message as I may not recognize your number.

I really have a two rule philosophy for my classroom. I truly believe that we could live by two rules alone... found in Matthew 22:36-40

*A Pharisee asked Jesus... "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.*

If we truly lived in such a way that every decision we made was made in regard to pleasing our Lord, we wouldn't need rules or laws. In order to do this, we must *know Him* and *know what is pleasing to Him* in order to serve Him and please Him. And then treat your neighbor the same. Rule #1 for my classroom is BE GOOD. Rule #2 comes from Colossians 3:23-25

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.*

Wasting time is one of my biggest aggravations. Poor attitudes and complaining try my patience, too. I appreciate fun and down time but not when there is a task at hand. Rule #2 for my classroom is WORK HARD.

In your prayers for our school and my classroom, specifically, you can pray for safe travels to and from school for me and my girls. It's about 30 miles from my house to school each day. Pray for the Lord to bless me with wisdom and discernment as I teach and develop these new relationships with my students. In the early weeks, please pray for stamina. I feel sure I will be exhausted as I work into this new school and work routine.

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