

Back to School Night

Mrs. Butkus

Room 15



# Meet Mrs. Butkus!



- Graduate of Cal St. Fullerton, Masters in Education, Emphasis in Reading Instruction, Reading Specialist Credential, Bilingual Multi-subject Credential
- Taught First Grade in Placentia 1985-1989
- Taught Kindergarten at Roynon 1992-2012
- Taught 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Combo at Ekstrand 2015/16
- Taught 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at Ekstrand 2016/17
- Taught TK at Ekstrand 2017/18
- Owner & Founder of HeidiSongs.com
- Married to Greg Butkus 30 years! Three grown daughters, two grandsons!

# Contact Me

- I am one of those strange teachers that doesn't mind giving parents her cell phone number!
- (xxx) xxx-xxxx
- If you need to talk to me, please text me first to find out if I am able to speak to you. If I am free, I will call or text you back.
- Email: xxxx@xxxxxxxx

# For efficient communication, get the Bloomz app!

- I will be posting messages, updates, alerts, and class **photos** on this app. This is also how I will be scheduling parent conferences!
- Search for Bloomz wherever you download your apps, and **join our class with this code: XXXXX.**
- **Wait for a message that you've been approved.**

# PM TK!

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

11:45-2:45

Tuesdays (Compact Days)

8:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Minimum Days:

8:15 AM – 11:15 AM



# Drop Off and Pick Up

- At the gate by our classroom
- Pick up at the same gate

# Snack

- Send a SNACK everyday- one item (not a full lunch.)
- There is only about 20 minutes to eat and play. Kids WASTE a lot of food!

# Class Schedule

- ✿ 8:15-8:30 Opening/Calendar
- ✿ 8:30-8:45 Focus Wall, Music
- ✿ 8:45-9:30 Academic Rotation
- ✿ 9:30-10:00 Recess
- ✿ 10:00-10:15 Finish Rotation
- ✿ 10:15-10:25 Story Time/Social Skills, Science
- ✿ 10:25-10:35 Phonemic Awareness
- ✿ 10:35-11:00 Play Time
- ✿ 11:00-11:10 Zoo Phonics/Alphabet Skills
- ✿ 11:10-11:15 Dismissal





# Academic Rotation Centers

- Language Arts

- Math

- Art

- Independent



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# Language Arts Program

- Benchmark Ready to Advance Curriculum
- Identify and write letters
- Learn letter sounds
- High Frequency Words
- CVC words
- Read simple sentences
- Write simple sentences
- Handwriting Without Tears

# Math

- Counting to 30
- Identify and write numbers to 20
- Put numbers in order and match sets
- Shapes
- Patterns
- Sorting by color, shape, and size

# Social Emotional Skills

- Included in Benchmark Ready to Advance Curriculum
- Friendship skills
- Problem Solving Skills
- Learning Skills
- Self-Regulation Skills



# Library



- Every Tuesday.
- Students each get one book at a time.
- Keep the book in the bag provided for your student. (See bag in photo above.)
- **If the bag is not returned with the book, your child will not get a new book.** If the school bag is lost, send one from home.
- After school hours- check library window.

# Homework

- **FOLDER**
- **GIVEN OUT ON MONDAY**
- **RETURN ON FRIDAY**
- **FILL OUT READING LOG**
- **DO WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AND SIGN OFF.**
- **PLEASE KEEP BACKPACK CLEAN!**

A lit purple candle is positioned on top of a cupcake. The cupcake has white frosting and is decorated with yellow and purple sprinkles. The background is a solid light orange color.

# Birthdays

You are welcome to send a **small treat** for your child's birthday. We encourage healthy treats...**no cupcakes please.**

**We are not allowed to have birthday parties here at school for the children.**

# Please!

**Please do not ask me to distribute party invitations unless there is one for all 25 children in the class!**

**Use our Bloomz app to message specific parents if you wish to invite just a few children.**



# Volunteers?

- 1. We REALLY need volunteers that can come on a regular basis!**
- 2. Please fill out the form and let me know when you might be able to come and help!**
- 3. All are welcome! Moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.!**
- 4. Our class will advance MUCH farther with regular help from families! How far we go this year depends on you!**

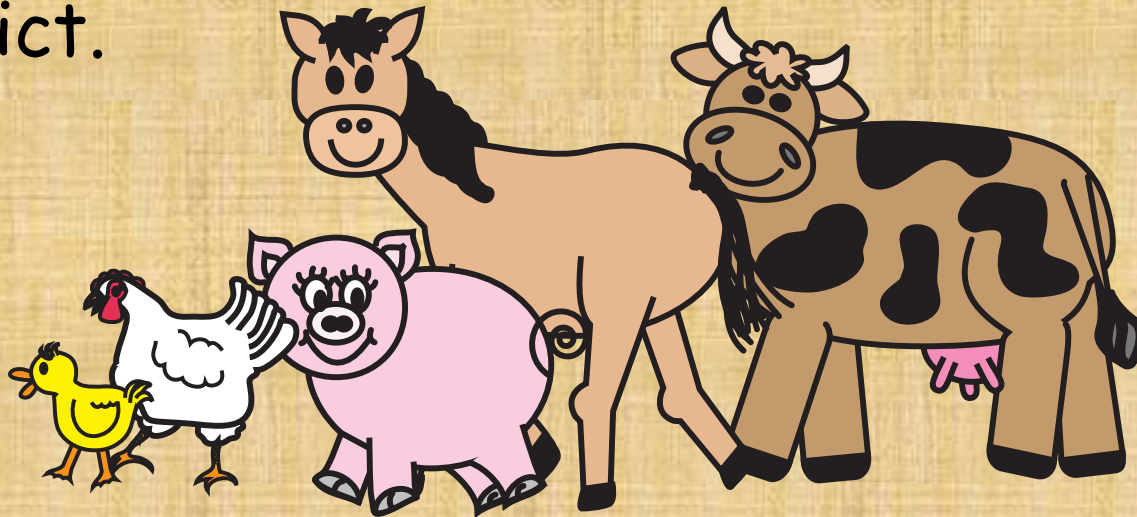
# How to Volunteer:

1. Volunteers need to have a current TB test on file, and will need to fill out a Volunteer Application, which can be found on the district website under the parent resources tab.
2. **Even parents that wish to attend field trips must do this!**
3. TB tests results last **THREE YEARS**, so this will help you go on future field trips and help in future classes as well.

# FIELD TRIP!

We will be visiting the Cal Poly Pomona Farm in May! The date will be announced soon.

- All chaperones must have a TB test on file and a fill out a volunteer application with the district.



# Questions?

**I have an open door policy!  
You are welcome any time!**

**Email: xxx@xxxxxx**

**Cell: (xxx) xxx-xxxx**