



# Welcome to 7th Grade!

We are so excited to learn with you



Hello from the 7th grade team!

We are your future teachers, and can't wait to get to know you this coming year. We can't wait until September and are excited to make your 7th grade year as special as possible. We love teaching and getting to know our students and are looking forward to learning more about you as a person and as a student.

You will have a chance to meet us soon, but we wanted to briefly introduce ourselves here. Please let us know if you have ANY questions or want to tell us anything about yourself before school starts.

-Ms. Blau, Ms. Benham, Ms. Pascucci, and Ms. Cavanaugh



Hi! I'm Ms. Benham, your ELA teacher this year! I'm so excited to be joining the team at Florida Ruffin Ridley this year and can't wait to get to know you! I previously taught 7th grade for three years in Boston and two years in Oklahoma City. I love to spend my time outside either hiking, gardening, or going on walks with my family.

In ELA this year, we will do lots of reading, writing, and discussing! I'm especially excited to dive into independent reading and book clubs with you all. One of my favorite parts of teaching is helping students find books they are excited about.

Can't wait to meet you!

-Ms. Benham



Hello!

Welcome to 7th Grade! I am Ms. Blau, your social studies teacher this year. I am so excited for our year together. I am looking forward to getting to know each of your unique characteristics as both individuals and as learners. One of the qualities that makes me unique is that I actually graduated from the Edward Devotion school (the former name for the Florida Ruffin Ridley School)! I was a student here kindergarten through eighth grade. In addition, I have twin boys who just finished 7th grade! I spend a lot of time watching them play baseball, traveling and finding the sunshine!



This year in social studies we will be learning about the physical and cultural geography of the world as well as several other ancient civilizations. I know that we will have so much fun learning together through discussions, debates, skits, art projects, simulations, and many other creative activities.

We are going to work hard this year but we're also going to have a lot of fun!

See you soon!  
Ms. Blau



Welcome! I'm Ms. Cavanaugh, and I can't wait to get to know you better over the course of this year.

At FRR, I teach math. I am looking forward to exploring the beginnings of algebra and geometry with you. This year we will be using Desmos and Illustrative Mathematics for our curriculum. We'll also do several math projects this year. One of the projects I always look forward to is the probability carnival, in which we'll discover how math is used in game design. Additionally, we'll spend time looking at graphs and infographics and thinking about how numbers can be used to convey ideas about which people care deeply.

When I'm not in the classroom, I enjoy traveling, listening to audiobooks, trying new recipes, watching documentaries, and being near the water. I'm looking forward to hearing about your interests when we meet.



Until soon,

Ms. Cavanaugh



Hello incoming 7th graders!

My name is Ms. Pascucci, and I'll be your 7th grade science teacher this year. I'm so excited to get to know all of you throughout this year! We will have the opportunity to study some great topics in science class. We will study Earth science and learn why earthquakes happen and why volcanoes explode. We'll study how life has changed over time and how traits are passed down from one generation to the next. We end the year studying ecology by creating our own ecosystem in a bottle.

I love teaching science because it incorporates fun and important skills like observing, analyzing, collaborating, communicating, and investigating. We will build each of these skills throughout the year through labs and projects.

When I'm not in school, I enjoy running and coaching the high school cross country and track teams. I also love reading, cooking, fishing, embroidery, and doing anything outdoors.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!  
Ms. Pascucci