Dear Parents and Students,

Hello and Welcome to 2nd grade!! I am so excited to start out another year here at Arches Academy! My name is Maria Meredith and I will be your child's teacher this year. I envision our classroom to be a place of growth, knowledge, and acceptance. I hope that we will be able to work towards a successful year together!

I was born and raised in California, attended Utah Valley University where I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education. My only baby is 23 years old now and graduated this year with a BS degree in Computer Science. My teaching career has been mainly at Arches Academy, and I am grateful for that. The staff at Arches has been so supportive and amazing these 6 years that I have been here. I have taught a variety of subjects and all grades over the past five years at Arches Academy.

Teaching has always been a passion for me. I have a love for learning, and I hope that my students will also learn to love learning as much as I do. My classroom is a safe, fun, and structured place for students, so that they will enjoy coming to school and learning something new every day. I feel that all children are different and require specific attention and affection for them to flourish. I will strive to be that for each of my students; an educator who loves each child that walks in her door and gives each of them not only an education, but a passion to learn.

I know you are going to love second grade here at Arches. We will have oceans of fun, interactive learning about Early Asian and Ancient Greek civilizations, the life cycles of nature, crawling insects, multiplication, measurement, money and so much more with our rich, engaging curriculum. We will also read fairy tales and tall tales, solve challenging math problems, write stories, take part in our school play and go on many field trips, including Hiking, the Butterfly Biosphere, Hee Haw Farms and so much more. This school year you will learn and grow so much!

This year will definitely be a fun year! I believe that a successful year starts with an open communication line between parents and teachers. Please feel free to call (801-520-0771) or email (maria.meredith@archesacademy.com) me anytime you have any concerns.

I am delighted to be your child's teacher and all that is in store for them this year!

Sincerely, Maria Meredith