## Welcome to 1st Grade

## DANIEL PRATT ELEMENTARY

My name is Mrs. Holly Whitaker, and I will be your child's first grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. I attended Auburn Montgomery for my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education and obtained my Master's degree from The University of West Alabama. This will be my 13th year teaching school. I started off teaching 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade and have taught 1<sup>st</sup> grade the past II years. First grade is definitely where my heart is!

My husband and I have two daughters, Ellyson (10) and Charlee Grace (6). We attend Centerpoint Fellowship Church. I enjoy spending time with family, shopping, crafting, and reading in my free time.

I would like to invite you to our **Open House** on <u>August 7th From 10:30-11:15.</u> Our classroom is Room K-5 on the Yellow Hall. At the orientation in our classroom, you will receive classroom information, forms to fill out, and you will also be filling out your child's transportation tag. This tag will need to be worn for the first two weeks of school. If your child will be riding the bus and you are not sure what the bus number is or what load your child will ride, you will need to contact the transportation office downtown. (334.361.3897) \*\*You will need this bus information by orientation.\*\* There will also be a Bus Info table set up in the Lunchroom during Open House, so you may stop by there and verify your child's information.

I have attached a Supply List as well as a Wish List for our classroom. Our grade level has purchased some of the supplies to get us started so what you see on the list are things we were not able to purchase. Wish List items are not required but are greatly appreciated! You may bring your supplies to Open House.

Our first day of school is **August 9<sup>th</sup>**, and I know we are going to have a great year together! I look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

Holly Whitaker