

Dear Parents,

I'm looking forward to meeting all of you at Back to School Night on September 7th at 7:00 P.M. I thought I would take a minute to tell you a little more about myself.

I grew up in Des Moines and attended St. Anthony's School and Dowling Catholic High School. I graduated from The University of Iowa with an elementary education degree, specializing in reading and early childhood. I taught second grade at St. Anthony's for eight years. Then I decided to stay home for three years to raise my wonderful family. I have two children named Luke and Courtney. Luke is in twelfth grade and Courtney is in eighth grade. I was so excited to be given the opportunity to teach at St. Francis School. This is my eleventh year teaching first grade. What a wonderful group of first graders I have in my class this year!

We are excited to have you be active participants in our classroom. Staying involved in your child's education is the key to a successful year. Engage your child in conversation about his/her day, but know that children won't always give out much information.

Please feel free to contact me at any time, for any reason. I am always available to meet or speak with you. My email address is dmurphy@dowling.pvt.k12.ia.us. I will respond as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend Back to School Night please contact me if you have any questions.

You will be amazed at just how much your child will grow this year. Here's wishing us all a wonderful year of growth!

Sincerely,

Diane Murphy

