

August 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Learning Connections! My name is Mrs. Trish Geesey and I will be your child's teacher this year. This is my ninth year teaching, and I am very excited to see what is ahead. Prior to joining Harrisburg Elementary School, I taught for eight years in the Fort Mill School District (South Carolina) where I was fortunate enough in 2016 to be awarded the District's Teacher of the Year Award, which made me a finalist for the State Teacher of the Year Award.

I recently got married, just this past April, and have been enjoying married life along with spending quality time with my step-daughter, Taylor. This summer, my husband, Nick, surprised me with a trip to Greece and I cannot wait to share the special moments of my life with you and your child! I am looking forward to sharing my passion for learning as well as fresh, new ideas on engagement and curriculum.

I have designed my Learning Connections (LC) classroom to provide an atmosphere that represents the general education classroom with a focus on individual needs of your child. Instruction in the classroom may include use of visual aids in instruction, social skills training, individualized academic instruction, high level of structure and routine, modifications/accommodations for those with fine motor difficulties, teaching of organizational skills, use of assistive technology, sensory techniques, and focused work on communication skills/language processing.

Beyond the required academics your child will participate in daily sensory activities and social skills training/role playing (e.g. social stories). To assist students with sensory needs, I will implement "flex seating" throughout the classroom, along with my newly created sensory wall within the classroom.

Your child will have the unique opportunity of being mainstreamed into a classroom with full or partial support, when they are ready. I will be able to monitor the progress of your child academically and emotionally to provide the appropriate academic and social/sensory instruction. Each student will bring home a folder/daily agenda with information nightly - please be sure to check the folder every evening! If any work is assigned, please assist your child.

If you have any questions, needs, or concerns you can contact me through email or phone call. However, the best method is email - trish.geesey@cabarrus.k12.nc.us. If you call the school (704-260-6190), request that the front desk leaves a message for me. I will return all emails and phone calls within a timely manner.

I look forward to having a great 2019-2020 school year and watching your child learn and grow!

Trish Geesey

Website: <https://www.cabarrus.k12.nc.us/Domain/11877>

Phone: 704 - 260 - 6190



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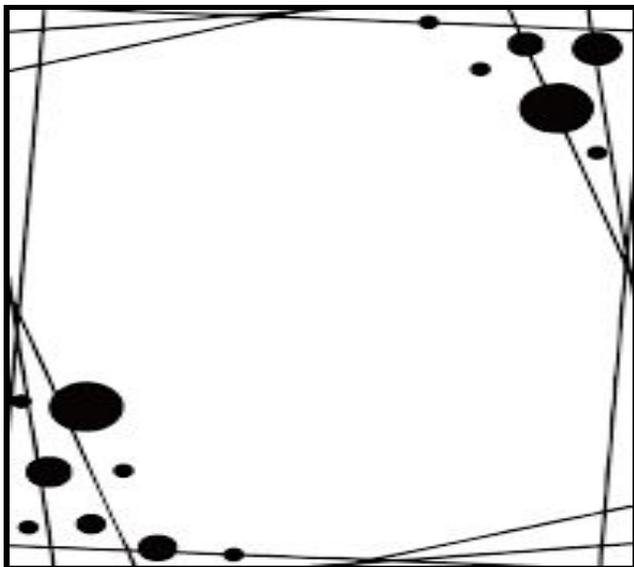
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