



# welcome to first grade



When I showed up to my kindergarten picture day wearing a red cardigan and apple earrings, someone had to have guessed that I would one day become a teacher. I am excited to introduce myself to you as just that!

My name is Miranda Steward and I am thrilled about the opportunity to share 1<sup>st</sup> grade with your child this year. I grew up in Charlotte, graduating from CHS in 2014 and dreaming my entire K-12 career of going into education. The ultimate goal was to return to this community after earning my college degree to teach in the place where my dream began. I spent my first two years of teaching in second grade at the local public schools but was ultimately led to St. Mary School as a part of the Lalanne program and feel so blessed to be teaching in a school community where my faith and passions align.

I am looking forward to partnering with you in your child's education this year. You will soon find that I am especially passionate about building classroom community, adore fostering a love of reading, love watching students grasp new math concepts, enjoy introducing them to the world around them, and genuinely care about who they are as people. I am confident that together we can make this a phenomenal 1<sup>st</sup> grade experience!

Know that I am here to support you and am looking forward to getting to know you better as the year goes on.

Sincerely,

Miranda Steward

