

Meet the Teacher

About Me

My name is Ms. Claire and I'm excited to teach 2nd/3rd grade this year! This is my 13th year teaching, my 5th year with Chicago Public Schools, and my 2nd year at Beard. I'm originally from Springfield, Illinois. I have taught and worked with students ages 3-21 years old in various settings. Along with being a classroom teacher I'm also a Scottish Highland dance teacher and competitive dancer, and I play in a bagpipe band. I've gotten the opportunity to compete across the US, Canada, and Scotland both as a dancer and with the pipe band! I've also had many opportunities to perform with Scottish music groups like Skerryvore, Red Hot Chilli Pipers, The Tartan Terrors, and Alasdair Fraser. As a dance teacher I've coached regional champions and top 3 finalists at the national level. I love to dance, go to the gym, support local music, and take naps on my couch.



My Favorites

COLOR: Green and purple

HOBBY: Dancing, weight lifting,
and reading

DRINK: Diet Cherry Coke or
black cherry sparkling water

CANDY: Peanut M&M's or
Reese's Pumpkins

FOOD: Butter chicken

Education

Bachelor of Science in Special
Education from SIUE (Learning
Behavior Specialist I)

Master of Science in Education with
a focus in Curriculum & Instruction
from EIU

I completed National Board
Certification in June 2026 and I will
find out my results in December
2026.

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