

Meet Your Teacher

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"I stand here today because someone believed in me, and we owe it to our children to believe in them." - C. Gray

Welcome to my class!

I am very excited to have you in my class this school year. I look forward to a wonderful school year where I will help you develop the skills that are necessary to be successful in this ever changing world.

I grew up in Leyte Island, Philippines. I graduated from Leyte Normal University in Tacloban City, Leyte, Philippines with the degree of **Bachelor in Elementary Education** in 2001. At the same institution I also earned my **Master of Arts in Special Education** in 2010 and **Doctor of Education** in 2015.



Moreover, I received two scholarships from the Department of Education in **Master of Arts in Education major in Special Education-Hearing Impairment** at Cebu Normal University in Cebu City, Cebu in 2008 and **Master in Education major in Special Education-Visual Impairment** at the University of Southeastern Philippines in Davao City, Davao del Sur in 2016. I have been in the field of teaching for 21 years. Back in the Philippines I taught for 20 years teaching learners with special education needs and mentally gifted learners in English, Mathematics and Science subjects as **Master Teacher II**. That also includes my part-time teaching at the Graduate School at Leyte Normal University in MASPED program as **Associate Professor I**, teaching Professional Education subjects to BEED and BSSED students at Abuyog Community College as **Associate Professor I**, and teaching Math and Science subjects to 4th grade students at Inborden Elementary S.T.E.A.M. Academy.

Furthermore, I have presented three different research on inclusive education at Global Summit on Education in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2017; Universal Academic Conference in Bangkok, Thailand in 2018 where I was awarded as the Best Oral Presenter and Best Research Paper; and recently at West East International Academic Conference, at Harvard University, Massachusetts, USA respectively. This year is my first year of teaching at William R. Davie Middle S.T.E.M. Academy.

In order to make this year successful, you must do your part. Here are some of the things I expect you to do.

- Attend school regularly (Please stay home if you are sick!)
- Bring your learning materials with you to class
- Always have your Chromebook charged
- Get plenty of sleep
- **Try** to have a positive attitude, even when things are difficult
- Complete your assignments to the best of your ability



Let's ROCK with the rest of this school year...