**WB 2nd-3rd Literature**

**Mondays 11:30-12:30 a.m.**

24-week Trimester Class

Cost: $120 per year and a one-time $10 materials fee

Plan to purchase one book per trimester at a typical cost of $5.00-$7.00/book

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**Class Description:**

My principal objective for this class is to inspire a love for reading! We will continue with phonics and word recognition as needed, focusing on reading with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. We will read grade-level texts with purpose and understanding so that we are able to read orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression. Reluctant readers may follow along silently until they are comfortable reading aloud.

Through the exploration of who, what, where, when, why, and how questions students will demonstrate an understanding of key details. We will utilize primarily chapter books to determine a central message, lesson, or moral, which will then be compared and/or contrasted with the Bible. Other sources for consideration may include poems, dramas, songs, and stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures.

Literary elements we will cover include characters, setting, theme, plot, conflict and resolution, point of view, and tone. Students will consider and explain how a character’s traits, motivations, feelings, and actions contribute to a sequence of events.

As literature provides natural opportunities for conversation and allows students to consider various topics, students will explore what it means to be a human being created in God’s image. Accepting the Bible as our source of truth for faith and practice, they will learn how to apply what they have learned as children of God to discern truth and meaning from the texts and contexts.

**Teacher Background:**

I am excited to be working with K-4 students at Wisdom Builders for my fourth year! A graduate of Carmel High School, I enjoyed an early career in Entertainment. Pursuing professional dance took me to Orlando, Florida, where I graduated Summa Cum Laude from Rollins College with a B.A. in Psychology.

Upon my return to Indiana I continued molding young lives as a dance instructor at The Village Dance Studio in Zionsville, as well as a choreographer for the Carmel High School Ambassadors, the Pike High School Dance Team, and CYT (Christian Youth Theater) Indy. I was instrumental in developing extracurricular programs for Prairie Trace Elementary, the Orchard School and launching the Dance Ministry at Grace Church.

My husband, Chuck, and I love our College Park Church home, where we are small group leaders in the Jr. High Ministry. We have successfully homeschooled three of our own children K-12. Grandchildren, three-year old Sadie and baby Jackson, round out our blessed lives.

I am grateful to be a part of the Wisdom Builders community. Your children are precious! Thank you for sharing each one. Being with them and working together with you is an absolute privilege and joy!