



# Mrs. Cushing

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher

**Home Church: First Baptist Church of Maryville**

**Family: Married with 2 Boys**

### **My Testimony**

My testimony is a simple one. I grew up in a Christian home and was a member of The First Presbyterian Church in Collinsville, Illinois where I became a Christian in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. My parents demonstrated a Christian lifestyle through acts of service to others in church and the community. While growing up, I witnessed their strong dependence and quiet personal relationship with God. This helped me to continue having an awareness, interest, and reverence in God and His Word. When I was a junior in high school, I rededicated my life to the Lord and began seeking a more personal relationship with Him.

I came from a family of educators, so it was no surprise when in junior high school I decided that I wanted to become a teacher. I graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelors degree in Special and Elementary Education. Later, I earned a Masters in Education degree from Lindenwood University. Though I've taught in classrooms reflecting a wide range of grade levels, I receive the most satisfaction and pleasure working with children at the primary level. I believe God has led me to Maryville Christian School to serve Him by allowing me to be your child's teacher. I am honored to be in such a position and have great hope and anticipation for a fantastic school year.

### **Goals for my Classroom**

I will provide an environment where students feel safe and have a sense of community and belonging within the classroom. I want students to learn how much they are loved by God, and that they were each created and designed by Him to help fulfill the plans He has for their lives. Academics will be taught and students will be challenged through individualized instruction at their appropriate learning level. A biblical perspective will be shared through discussions with students in all subject areas. I want my students to gain a greater sense of who they are in Christ, begin to discover and appreciate their individual uniqueness, and how they can use their God-given talents to serve others.

**Our class motto: *Honor God and Serve People***