Hi! My name is Mrs. McCleskey and I am so excited to be a part of the Bliss First Grade Team! More importantly I am THRILLED to your teacher! It’s going to be a fun year full of lots of learning and new adventures and I can’t wait to see what the year has in store for us. I want to know ALL about you, but first I am going to share a few things about me.

I was born and raised in Slidell, Louisiana, a suburb of New Orleans. I have 4 older brothers: Dan, Matt, Tim, and Jeff. I also have a wonderful twin sister named Suzy. After finishing high school, I attended college at Louisiana State University (Geaux Tigers!!)….where I earned my Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education. While in college I was also a proud member of the “Golden Band from Tigerland,” also known as the LSU Marching Band where I played the trumpet.

While in college, I deepened my passion for teaching throughout hours of observations and volunteering in various classrooms. I also developed a love of running and began racing in 10ks and half-marathons around the U.S. This will be my 2nd year teaching here at Bliss Elementary, and I am just ecstatic to venture into First Grade with you and your children.

My wonderful husband and I have been married for two years. He is a soldier in the U.S. Army and has been stationed at Fort Bliss for the past six years. Together we have rescued two female, beautiful, German shepherd-mixed puppies named Juno (2 years old) and Daisy (3 years old). My pups and I enjoy playing at the park and visiting with friends and family. Chris and I are also expecting our first child (It’s a girl!) in December.

I am truly looking forward to our voyage into First Grade this year and excited about the wonderful skills and topics we will explore. It’s going to be a fabulous year!!

**A Few of My Favorite Things:**

**Favorite Color:** Blue and Purple

**Favorite Season:** Autumn

**Favorite Food:** Seafood Pasta

**Favorite Drink:** Iced Coffee

**Favorite Animal:** Owls and Frogs

**Favorite Book:** *Moby Dick*

**Favorite Hobby:** Running and Exploring Pirate History