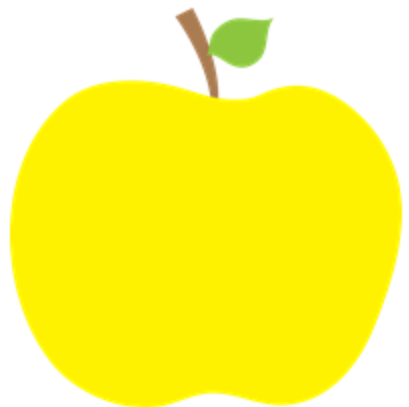




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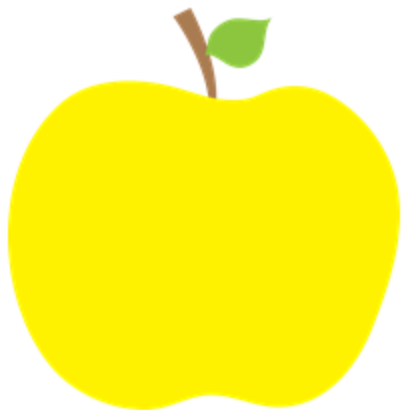




# Meet *the* teacher

Mrs. Babinski

This year is the start of my 16<sup>th</sup> year teaching. I have been here at West Hills for the past 10 years. I have been married for 34 years and have two grown daughters who both went to West Hills Elementary. I love reading, spending time with my dogs and traveling with my family and friends.

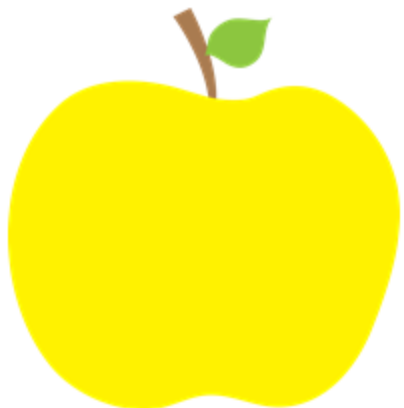




# Meet *the* teacher

Ms. Collins

This is my 21<sup>st</sup> year of teaching and my third year at West Hills. During my teaching career, I have mainly taught fourth grade, but I love first and am excited about this year! My favorite thing to do is read to my class, and I have a lot of wonderful books I can't wait to share with "my kids." When I am not at school, I enjoy reading, watching movies, and going to concerts. I have an amazing daughter, Alexis, who is a sophomore at Bearden High School.



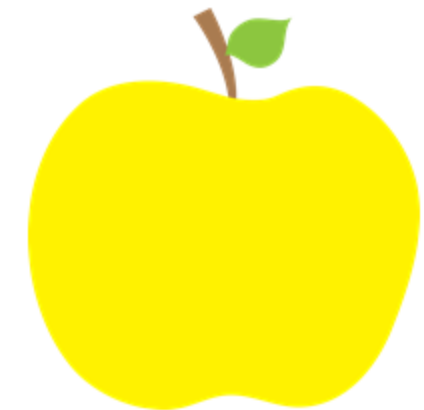


# Meet *the* teacher

Mrs. Countiss

Welcome friends! My name is Tammy Countiss and teaching first grade is my joy! This will be my 35th year of teaching, and my 28th year at West Hills. Room 11 is the beehive and I'm known as the "bee teacher". The beehive is a happy place where we will learn and grow together.

I have two wonderful children that are all grown up and two adorable grandsons that bring me so much happiness. When I'm not in Room 11, you can find me reading on my back porch with a cold Diet Coke.

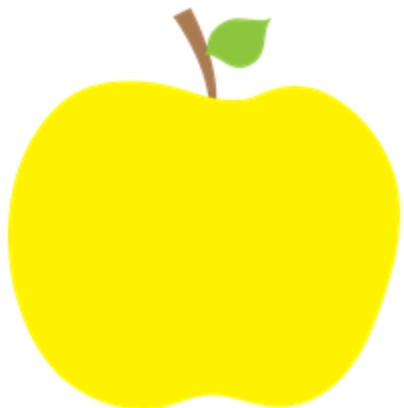




# Meet the teacher

Hello! I am Jolene Kamps. This will be my 25<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. After teaching in Wisconsin for 20 years, I began working as a teaching assistant at West Hills in 2015. I moved to 1<sup>st</sup> grade in 2017 and have loved working with my little friends ever since! I am so excited for this school year to begin and can't wait to see this year's smiling faces come through my door!

## Ms. Kamps







# Meet *the* teacher

Mrs. Kelly

I'm Mrs. Kelly and I am so excited to be back in the classroom! This is my 28th year of teaching and I have had experience in every grade, but 1st grade is my absolute favorite! I was born and raised in southern California but I love living in Knoxville. I have two daughters that are West Hills alumni and are now a sophomore at West High and an 8th grader at Bearden Middle. In my free time I love reading, movies, and game nights with friends and family.





# Meet *the* teacher

Mrs. Nelson

Hello everyone! This is my 21st year of teaching and my third year here at West Hills. I have taught both 2nd and 5th grades, but 1st is my favorite!! I love to make learning fun and exciting! I am married and have twins that will be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at WHES. I am honored to be the Virtual Teacher for 1st grade and can't wait to meet my class!! Let's work together with Grace and Space this year!

