



### WELCOME!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready for an exciting year of STEAM!

My name is Jess Gear and I will be leading the class. Some of you may know me already through siblings or from having your child in the 18 month PDO class. This will be my 16th year at Wee Three Kings, most of which I have spent in PDO. This will be my 7th year in our STEAM class and I can't wait to get started! I am from England and sometimes the students do pick up on things that I may say (or spell) differently!! I lived in Brussels for 8 years where I worked in a kindergarten before moving here 20 years ago. I live in Loveland with my husband and have a daughter who works in aerospace engineering and a son who has just graduated from Miami and now works as a finance manager for Land Rover.

Ms. Lisa will be joining us in class, some of you may know her from lunch bunch last year. She holds a special education license and integrated social studies grades 7-12. Ms. Lisa has lived in Miami Township for the past 5 years with her husband, 4 children, a dog and fish called Joe Burrow! She has had two of her children go through the school so she's very familiar with it. She loves running, hiking, sitting at the pool and having bonfires and spending time with friends.

Our goal in STEAM is to create an environment where students feel free to create, explore, experiment and ask questions and wonder about the world. Each class will focus on a theme and explore topics that are relevant and interesting to our young scientists. We will focus on child directed, project based learning and help foster questions, problem solving and good communication skills.

A lot of times we do experiments that can be messy or outdoors so please bear that in mind when dressing your students. We have the outdoor classroom and garden which we hope to utilize as much as we can. We will be in class for 4 hours so you will need to provide a peanut free lunch and drink. We eat in the classroom and ask that their lunches are as child friendly as possible especially in regards to opening packets etc. We also ask that you don't send candy or sugar laden drinks with their lunches.

After Christmas we will be having a STEAMER THE WEEK where they can bring in something to present to the class that relates to the STEAM concepts. I will send out a sign up genius nearer the time. We will also have our own art show on April 19th, more information will come as it gets closer.

Drop off will be the same as it is for your students regular class, car line at the front at 8.55. For pick up you will need to come to the classroom at 1.00.

I will be communicating with you through email but will also use the app Group Me as a way of sending class pictures and information on class activities. I will send an invite to join this closer to school starting.

If you have a picture of your child doing something fun and STEAM related please send on the first day so we can use on our class bulletin board.

We will be in the classroom Wednesday August 30th between 6-7pm for meets and greets, it will be an open house so no need to schedule a time just feel free to drop by. If we don't see you then we look forward to seeing you on the 8th.

**FULL STEAM AHEAD!**

Ms. Jess and Ms. Lisa

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at  
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