

WELCOME TO 5TH GRADE

AUGUST 2007

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GLENNWOOD ACADEMY

MRS. WIEDOWER'S CLASS

Conferences:

You can schedule a conference by emailing me directly or calling the school office.

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My tentative conference times will be held Thursdays 3:15-3:45



Special Classroom Interest:

- GSU intern, Ms. Syeda
- Raffle drawings everyday as behavior incentives
- Team Trivia Fridays
- Monthly Newsletter
- Learning Centers
- Curriculum night 8/21

My name is Tabitha Wiedower and many of you remember me from working here at Glennwood last year. The year prior I was Mr. Stewart's student teacher. He is well known for his hands on approach to learning and of course, his passion for Scrabble. I have incorporated much of the same inquiry based learning approach and excitement to my own classroom.

My path to education began when I took a second job as a third grade teacher's assistant at Holy Innocent's Episcopal School. I was in the process of transferring to Georgia Tech to continue my Industrial Engineering degree when I realized becoming an educator was my true passion. Honestly, I felt becoming an engineer really was not so different from being a teacher.

In March 2006, I traveled to Chengdu, China to continue my student teaching at Sichuan Normal University, which ranks 4th in the nation. The experience broadened my scope of cultural awareness and I enjoy sharing

what I have learned with my students. Upon returning to Atlanta, I graduated Summa Cum Laude from Georgia State University with a degree in Early Childhood Education.

Beyond China, many of my life experiences have shaped who I am as an educator. Living in Israel for three months to study world history and culture allowed me to see first hand how important it is to have hands on experiences in a real world context. Traveling in Europe opened my eyes to the multitude of cultural differences. France, Germany, Holland or Belgium, just to name a few are all just a train ride away; yet it's not like traveling from Georgia to Alabama where the language, currency, attitudes and perceptions generally remain the same.

I like to think of myself as a lifelong learner. Admittedly, I look forward to learning very much from your children this year and while I'm at it I hope to pass along some wisdom of my own. ☺

Mrs. Wiedower

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Primary Years Programme

Glennwood is currently in the process of becoming an International Baccalaureate (IB) school. IB is a transdisciplinary program of international education designed to foster the development of the whole child. Those of you who are familiar with ELOB will see many similarities.

This year we will be implementing four IB units of inquiry. Over the last couple

of years many of Glennwood's staff has had the chance to visit Sarah Smith Elementary as well as the International School in order to observe this program. The level of instruction was high and the student involvement and interest was clear. We are eager to get started on our units and begin weaving IB into our existing curriculum.

For more information please go to the website www.ibo.org.pvp