

Welcoming New People



My name is **Ellen Cavallaro** and I am a student teacher from Ashland University located in Ohio. I am a triplet with my two brothers, Matthew and Michael. I enjoy running, cooking, and spending time with family and friends. I will receive my bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Education with the concentrations of Language Arts and Social Studies. During my stay at OLM I will be teaching fourth grade social studies with Mr. Freire. I am very excited about the opportunity to teach the students here in Rio de Janeiro. I plan to take full advantage of

this experience and get as much out of the six weeks as possible, while giving back to the school and community of Our Lady of Mercy.

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It's me again, Mr. Cress!

Mr. Cress came here because he had to choose between three options: Rio, Houston or to stay in Ohio. He came here because he wanted to experience diversity and also a private school environment. To be a teacher was not his first choice. He wanted to major in accounting, but later he became interested in world history. To pursue his interest, he became a world history teacher. Mr. Cress taught 6th grade Geography and 7th grade World History with Dr. Melo during the first quarter. This second quarter, he is teaching 6th grade and 8th grade Math. He gave some suggestions for the school: the scheduled break between the second and third periods is inconvenient. Students waste a lot of time getting their material and it is hard for them to get organized. The other thing is the early dismissal time for students who take the school bus. They lose classtime and the rest of the students feel like it's free time. These are the only things he would think about improving somehow. OLM is, by far, the best school he has ever taught in. It has been exactly what he expected and it has been great for him to have come down to another country and have taught at a bilingual school. And finally...the weather here is much better than Ohio.



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