

# Making the Co-Teaching Vows

Hatfield second grade co-teachers, Joy Lake and Ashley Babbage, refer to each other as the “happily married second grade co-teaching team!” One of the keys to a happy co-teaching marriage is co-planning. Ashley and Joy co-plan on Google Docs and color-code their activities to delineate which co-teaching model they plan to implement (team teaching, parallel teaching, station teaching, etc.). This keeps them out of the one-teach/one-assist rut. Students know that BOTH teachers are available for all students. Shared ownership is further communicated by ensuring both teacher names are on all documents that are sent home.

Joy and Ashley are also expanding their repertoires by reading and discussing a co-teaching book. They believe that their personalities and teaching strengths complement one another. For better or for worse, this co-teaching marriage was caught being inclusive!

*Joy and Ashley even coordinated their picture day outfits!!*

