Dear Parents and Students, My name is Juliana Reynolds and I am so excited to be a part of the Forest Park Family as the Academic Intervention Specialist. I graduated from Ouachita Baptist University in December 2010 with a degree in Early Childhood Education and from Arkansas State University in December 2014 with a Master's degree in Educational Leadership. I am in my ninth year of teaching. I have been married to my husband, Calvin, for nine years and we have two sons, Jake (6) and Jonah (1). As a family, we enjoy traveling, being outdoors, and spending time with friends and family. We have three dogs, a cat, a guinea pig, and a goldfish! Life with my boys keeps me busy, but my heart also belongs in the classroom. I come from a long line of educators. All the way back to my great-great grandmother in the early 1900's, my family has taken great pride in teaching and educating children. Growing up with a mother who is very passionate about the classroom, I had no doubt that my future would also be in education. One thing I know for sure is that without the support of parents, the classroom suffers greatly. I will count on your partnership to strengthen and maximize learning for your child. We know that the more reading children do at home, the more likely they are to in school. The amount of leisure time spent reading is directly related to children's reading comprehension, the size of their vocabularies, and gains in their reading ability. When parents get involved with their children's reading at home, reading scores go up. Again, I am so excited to have this opportunity to teach your child! I can't wait to see your child blossom and grow in their love for learning this year! I look forward to getting to know you better in the coming weeks. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I want the lines of communication between home and the classroom to be wide open! It's going to be a great year! Sincerely, Juliana Reynolds Juliana.Reynolds@lrsd.org