



**Howdy from Mrs. Fleener! I am the new 8th grade English teacher at Hawley Middle School. This is a change from 6 plus years of teaching U.S. History here. I am excited about it and hope you will be too. I have given my class the title of Words Have Power. I believe this to be true and am looking forward to seeing you discover it for yourself. Within this class, we will be reading, writing, speaking, and listening on a daily basis. From novels to poetry and short stories to drama, we will experience it all. Hope you are ready for a challenging adventure!**

**Let me give you a bit of my story. I was born and raised in Northwest Houston where I graduated from the Klein school district. After high school, I attended Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX. "Axe'em Jacks!" Not only did I earn my teaching degree, I also met my husband at college. The year 1993 was a big one for me - college graduation, first teaching job, and marriage! Since then, I have taught quite a few ages/grades/subjects while also getting to be a stay at home mom with my 2 boys when they were little. My family moved to Hawley in 2011, and I began teaching at the middle school in January 2014. It has been exciting meeting new people and being a part of this community. I know that 2020 has been full of changes for everyone with plenty of craziness thrown in as well. Even so, I am looking forward to this school year with you and whatever it brings!**