



On The Way to Second Grade! 2017-18

Dear Second Grade Families,

I had fantastic year teaching all subjects last year and I feel excited to work with your child's class as second graders this year! I am especially excited to hold them throughout the entire day for all subjects. I have many writing activities I look forward to sharing with them. This will be my twelfth year teaching second grade, well past my five years as the fourth grade teacher at NCSA. I look forward to holding this sweet class for the school year. I am so excited to start the next year with such an excited, energetic, smart and outgoing group!

The first four to six weeks we will practice routines for how to "be" in second grade. We will work on respect and cooperation. I follow many guidelines from Teaching Children to Care to make sure they know "I see you. I see everything". In order to feel safe they must feel seen. I will follow three stages; whole class learning, small group & independent work, independence and responsibility. I want the students to feel safe, respected and encouraged to learn and express themselves. We will create rules, have morning meetings, mindfulness moments, hold councils and slowly move into the core of the curriculum. If we jump in quickly without training in the three stages we end up having to spend a lot of time back tracking. So, stick with me and understand that we will move into academic subjects no later than the sixth week of school. Remember that while setting this tone they will be learning, as much of it is through small lessons. All of this and much more will be discussed at **back to school night**. While at Back to School Night you will also be able to sign up for volunteer jobs.

I did not schedule a before school class picnic for the start of this year. I feel that the kids know each other well and have seen me enough at assemblies. If one of you would like to set one up a picnic for us please feel free and be sure to let me know about it as well! I will do my best to attend. I look forward to seeing you and your children on the first day of school and sooner if someone plans a get together.

If your email address has changed since last year please let me know via angie.maxson@ncsota.org

I have included the supply list on the reverse of this note. Throughout the year and now I am asking for each of you to send in whole class supplies of tissues, Ticondaroga pencils (pre sharpened please!) tape, glue sticks and such. Please do what you can and nothing more. We appreciate whatever you are able to do.

Before the school year ended Carrie Morgan, our other 2nd grade teacher, and I started planning together. We are excited to partner as a second grade teaching team for the third year and to continue to work in classrooms side by side blending our students on field trips, for recess activities and science experiments to name a few things.

Sincerely,

Angie Maxson



2nd Grade Supply List!

Everyone should bring in...

- ❖ 4 glue sticks (please Glue Sticks only!) We will share through the year
- ❖ 4 or more scotch tape rolls (to share with everyone)
- ❖ Box of pencils 24 or more name brand Ticonderoga would be perfect! **PLEASE do not send in other brands!! They are a waste of money with lead being crooked, shells being splintery, erasers breaking, we end of throwing them out!! If you can buy Ticonderoga pencils Pre sharpen for us please!! I realize these are more expensive but the supply list is less than in past years and the others really are so wasteful and we are the Planet Protectors! Thank you in advance! I'd rather have these and have you not purchase something else off the list if you must choose.**
- ❖ A backpack that will fit into a cubby (no wheels please). A backpack is not necessary, but helpful, if you choose to send one please be sure it doesn't have wheels.
- ❖ A reusable lunch box
- ❖ If you can... send in stickers to be used on corrected papers or for prizes that would be an added bonus. Our themes are astronomy, environment, oceans, science, math, reading, writing, and the Lorax of course.
- ❖ One box of tissues for the sniffles, softer sure is nicer on their noses.
- ❖ One ream of plain white paper.

Teacher Wish List!

- ◆ Some cleaner wipes (for teacher, aide and parent use only).
- ◆ Sponges for students to wash tables with
- ◆ Wet erase markers in various colors for student use-low odor is important
- ◆ Check out my Amazon wish list when I can link it or send it out to you. It has books and supplies I would love to have in the classroom.
- ◆ Come in with a smile, gentle words, flexibility and openness.