**Welcome to Curriculum Night**

**Ms. Amaden’s Second Grade Class**

**2019 – 2020**

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I try to check my email often, but be aware I might not be able to read them until **after school.** If your child is absent, please contact the health office by 8AM: 998-5036.

If your child has change of departure from school, **please send a note with your child in the morning** or you can contact the office at 998 – 5035.

Our Class consists of 21 students: 10 boys and 11 girls.

**Units of Study/ Core Concepts**

**Reading/ Language Arts**

* Building essentials thinking skills: Main Idea, Context Clues, Retelling, Non-Fiction Text Features, Ask and Answer Questions
* Guided Reading
* Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expand Vocabulary Strategies
* Independent Reading, Partner Read
* Read Aloud
* Genre Studies: Folk and Fairy Tales, Mysteries, Biographies, US Landmarks, fiction vs. non-fiction
* Reading Logs will be on student iPads. They start their logs every Monday. They show me their **PARENT SIGNED** logs each Monday.

**Writing**

* Journaling
* Writer’s Workshop
* Paragraphs using 6-12 sentences – Topic sentence, varying sentence structures, adding detail, developing word choice, organizing ideas, closing sentence.
* Essay writing - narrative and expository passages



**Math Concepts:**

* Using strategies to problem solve multi-step story problems
* Fractions, Numbers and Operations using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
* **Memorize addition facts to 18 (fall), multiplication facts through the 9’s (spring) (3 minutes Timed Tests).**
* Data Analysis, Time to the 5-minute mark, Geometry, Money, Measurement
* Mental Math learning the process of regrouping through double digit and arrays
* Be able to explain how to get an answer to a math problem

**Word Study and Conventions**

* Mastering sight word spelling and basic punctuation skills
* Identifying word patterns
* Using associative knowledge
* Building vocabulary and word patterns

**Science Units:**

* Earth Systems: Earth changes quickly or slowly over time.
* Properties of Matter: Solids, Liquids, Gases
* Ecosystems: Pollination, Seed Dispersal, Habitats

**Social Studies:**

* Communities
* Glenview Over Time
* Map Skills

**Logistics**

**IPads:**

We are a 1-to-1 IPad class. Eventually, children will take home their iPads daily for homework and charging the iPad once the parent consent forms are complete. The learning opportunities are endless.

**Schedule:**

We generally have Fine Arts from 10:35am-11:35am. Recess/Lunch is from 12:10-1pm.

**Volunteering:**

Parents are welcome to volunteer in the classroom at any time. Please contact me if you are interested in coming in.

**Room Parents:**

The room parents will be in charge of coordinating volunteers for class parties. (Halloween, Winter Holiday, Valentine’s Day and the end of the year Pizza Party.) In addition they will be helping out with our Nora Night in the Spring.

**Field Trips:**

2 chaperones are needed for each 9:15 – 11:30AM field trip. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet if you are available.

Tyner Center –September

Grove – June

Wagner Farm – May

**Birthday:**

District policy does not allow birthday treats. Feel free to send in non-edible items such as pencils, stickers or games. Children are honored with a song and get to sit in the birthday chair.

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We will have a great year!

Karin Amaden