

Dear Parents,

Greetings and welcome to 2nd grade! My name is Kristi Maloney and I will be your child's teacher during the school year 2012-2013. I have been teaching for twelve years- five years in first grade, and this will begin my eighth year in second grade. I am anxious to get to know your child and help to develop, strengthen, and challenge their abilities.

Your child has a very special opportunity this year because we get to host a teacher candidate in our room for the entire year. She will be graduating from USD following this assignment. I am so excited to help her on her journey and at the same time provide an 11 to 1 ratio of students to teachers in the classroom!

As your child's teacher, I will keep you informed of special activities, themes, projects, and homework that will take place throughout the year. I will plan activities that meet the Common Core State Standards and differentiate learning opportunities to meet the needs of all students. I will be fair (this does not always mean equal) in all aspects of our day, from discipline and classroom management through academics. I will notify you if there are situations that require your attention and I will communicate about our classroom events and learning objectives. Finally, I will gladly discuss with you any concerns you may be having about your child's educational progress.

As a partner in your child's education, we will make great strides if you discuss what your child did during the school day and go through the take-home folder each night. Look over the corrected papers so you can identify strengths and weaker areas for your child. Help him/her complete homework activities. Communicate with me anything that you think will help your child succeed during this school year. Finally, use the time you have at home to teach your child how enjoyable reading can be (we do a lot of 'teaching reading' through the day). Read to them, with them, and let them read to you. Together we can make this an exciting, fun, and successful year for your child!

**Let's Have a Great Year!
Kristi Maloney**