

Welcome!



Dear Room 219 Families,

Welcome to 2nd Grade! This is my 5th year at Holmes teaching second grade but my 19th year in education. I began my career teaching third grade in Wisconsin and moved to Oak Park in 1996. I taught 1st and 2nd grade at Longfellow School for 10 years and then took some time off to raise my 4 children. Matthew(17) and Charlie(14) are at OPRF and Timothy(12) and Caroline(10) are at Roosevelt in River Forest.

I am asking that each family write me a note about their child. In your eyes, what is your child like? What are his/her interests? As a parent, what do you think would be important for me to know? Your letter will not only help me get to know your child better, but it may help him/her feel more comfortable in our classroom. I look forward to reading your letters.

I believe that communication is the key to a successful parent-teacher partnership. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time. You can e-mail me at evietzen@op97.org, by calling the school office (708-524-3100), or by sending in a note with your child. I will also do my part by periodically sending out newsletters. I will update you on what we have been doing at school as well as things that are up and coming. For individual concerns, I will contact you by phone, send a note home, or email you.

I look forward to a year of fun and learning with your child. Together we will make this a wonderful school year. If I don't already know you, please find a moment to introduce yourself.

Please have your child in line on the school blacktop at **7:55 a.m.** each morning. We dismiss from the South doors on Chicago Ave. at **2:55 p.m.** Please note that Wednesday dismissal is at **1:55 p.m.** If you arrive after 3:05 p.m./2:05 p.m. your child will be in the school office.

Tomorrow is Wednesday so dismissal is at 1:15pm.

Please REPLY to this email, so that I know you have received this information and it will also let me know if the email list is correct. Please include these things in your reply:

1. child's name
2. after school plans on **first day** of school (Bus/Hephzibah/Apollo/Pick up)
3. typical way to get home **if different** from first day

Sincerely,

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