

August 2018



Dear First and Second Grade Students, Parents, and Guardians,

We are all so excited to welcome you back to school! The 1/2 unit has been working hard all summer to make our classrooms, school, and activities the best they can be! We are excited to have an enthusiastic team of teachers and first and second grade students to embark on a fun filled journey of learning this year. We would like to introduce Kristen Hanson, our newest 1/2 teacher, to the team this year! She was a former ELL and fifth grade teacher. She will be part time 1/2 teacher and part time ELL teacher. Be sure to give her a warm welcome when you see her! Additionally, Bethany will be spending the first couple of months on maternity leave with her new baby. Mallory will be her long-term substitute, and has been in the building many times. The students will be excited to have her back and see a familiar face! We will be taking field trips and participating in fun learning activities. Some things we are looking forward to are: our field trip to the Weidner Center, K-2 Switches, our plant growth and solids and liquids science units, the annual Friendship Festival, and Exploratories, just to name a few.

In addition, we have been busy diving into our new math materials and opening boxes of new and exciting reading books for our classroom libraries! We have been busy creating fun activities and exploring our new math curriculum.

As we move into the 2018-2019 school year, there are some things we would like to remind families of. Please remember to make sure your email addresses are up to date to receive electronic communications and to follow Aldo Leopold on Facebook. You can update this information yourself in the parent portal. All school communication is electronic except the first week back to school information and forms.

If you would like to attend field trips with your child, volunteer in the classroom, around the school or at special events, district policy requires that attendees have a completed and approved background check on file. These must be renewed every two years. We would love for you to be a part of your child's learning and exploration. If you do not have a completed and approved background check on file, you will unfortunately not be able to participate in the above activities - no exceptions. If you have any questions, please feel free to see Trina or Kate.

We cannot wait to work with all of you! Please don't hesitate to contact us at any point. We look forward to seeing/meeting you all on **back to school night on Wednesday August 29th (4:00-6:00)**. Please try to make time to stop in, as there will be tons of important information and paperwork handed out. You are welcome to bring school supplies on this night for drop off! Some families enjoy this option so there is less to worry about on the first day. First day of school is September 4th, when we meet on the playground to start our year together. See you then! It's going to be a great day, and the beginning of an awesome school year! Enjoy the rest of summer! We are excited to hear about all the exciting things you did.

Sincerely,

Amanda, Bethany (and Mallory), Kristen, Lisa, Mattie, Ned