

Koenig Families



First of all, I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful summer on the lakeshore, although a hot one! We are so very lucky to live right here in Two Rivers where we have access to Point Beach State Park, Lake Michigan as well the future site of the Spirit Of The Rivers! With that being said, I am very excited to be serving the Koenig Community again for the 2018-2019 school year. This will be my twentieth year here at Koenig Elementary, a 13 year award winner for a School of Recognition.

This summer our district elementary staff continued to work diligently to refine what literacy looks and sounds like in the classroom while providing individualized instruction based on your student's needs. They have enhanced the curriculum to model best practices and to provide a consistent delivery of content. Part of that process was expanding our knowledge of the "CAFÉ" model of instruction; that is, working with students one on one with the specific reading behaviors. We have also been trained on specific writing strategies and tools that will support the various types of writing your children will encounter. The 2018 Math Expressions and our science curriculum have been enhanced by coordinating the standards with hands on materials and processes that lead to self exploration. Students will be engaged in whole group, small group and independent practice with guidance!

Furthermore, we have continued to develop a thoughtful and purposeful plan of implementation for the "Kids At Hope" Framework. Adults (Treasure Hunters) who believe in ALL children, who care enough about them to invest emotionally and who are committed to helping them to navigate their futures. The Two Rivers School District is excited about the following vision for the years to come, "All children are capable of success-NO EXCEPTIONS!" Our goal will be to redefine our practices to have a better understanding of ways in which every child is afforded the belief, guidance and encouragement that creates a sense of hope and optimism, supported by a course of action needed to experience success. We will time travel into the future!

In addition, the 18-19 school year will bring more opportunities to practice yoga and mindfulness. These practices help to cultivate positive states of mind like gratitude, kindness, joy & compassion as well as supporting positive communication and interaction amongst each other. All students have a responsibility to themselves to make smart choices and to be guided through the problem solving process. Your child will work within the classroom and within All School Character Assemblies to identify characteristics of a good citizen and ways in which we can demonstrate those qualities on a day to day basis. We will continue to use the school wide behavioral system that helps communicate classroom expectations. All of these efforts are supported with a guidance curriculum based on academic, personal and social/emotional domains.

On a personal note, I received my teaching degree from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. My husband Shane and I have a fifteen year old daughter named Adaya, who also was a Koenig graduate and a soon to be driver! In August of 2005, I received my Masters in Reading and Literacy and my principal license in May of 2010. I believe our work here is based upon creating confident and motivated life long learners, independent thinkers who embark upon life's challenges with perseverance, determination, and who have the dedication to continuous improvement. Everyday, we will continuously learn alongside your child with the highest of expectations and encourage them to use their strengths to the best of their ability.

Have wonderful conclusion to your summer while we look forward to a successful 2018-2019 school year beginning on September 5th! As always, feel free to contact me at dana.mclinn@trschoools.k12.wi.us, with any questions or concerns!

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