

August 10th, 2012



Koenig Families

2012-2013

Dear Families:

I want to begin by saying I am very excited to be serving the Koenig Community for the 2012-2013 school year. This will be my fourteenth year here at Koenig. Prior to this school year, I served you as Principal, Dean of Students, a First Grade and Title One teacher. My passion lies in literacy, data driven decisions and building a positive school culture. I enjoy reading about the current trends in education and I will continue to keep you informed about our Koenig events through weekly newsletters and an active parent/teacher organization.

I received my teaching degree from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. My husband Shane and I have a nine year old daughter named Adaya, who attends Koenig and will be in fourth grade this next school year. In August of 2005, I received my Masters in Reading and Literacy and my principal license in May of 2010. I continue to learn right alongside our students as I continue to research our professional practice of teaching. As we prepare our students for career and college readiness, we must work together to teach our students about "social responsibility." All students have a responsibility to themselves to make smart choices and to be guided through the problem solving process.

Furthermore, I want to share with you my mission of creating an effective and caring elementary school. This mission statement also serves as a reminder of the goals I have as a principal and is essential in achieving these goals. I am hopeful this mission statement will serve as the foundation for a school of confident and motivated life long learners.

My mission is to help children become independent learners and thinkers so as to guide them into becoming self-sufficient, powerful individuals who embark upon life's challenges with perseverance, determination, and the dedication to continue learning. As a result, I want my students to become productive citizens of our society. Everyday, I will continuously learn alongside the child with the highest of expectations and encourage them to use their strengths to the best of their ability. I will celebrate their accomplishments and help them become confident problem solvers. I want to encourage and emphasize the power of hard work, the belief I have in them, and the love of learning. I want them to have the intrinsic motivation to make a difference in our world and in the lives of others. I also believe in the power of ten; that is, the importance of building strong relationships between community, school and home.

I look forward to a successful year full of positive beliefs, choices, and as a result, a positive feeling about Koenig. Just a reminder that class lists will be posted on Tuesday, August 21st and our "Back To School Night" will be on Thursday, August 30th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Come visit your classrooms and meet the teachers. You may also bring school supplies at this time! It is a privilege to serve your children. School begins on Tuesday, September 4th.

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