

Koenig Families



First of all, I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful summer on the lakeshore! 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 as all the community activities supported by local agencies! With that being said, I am very excited to be serving the Koenig Community again for the 2017-2018 school year. This will be my nineteenth year here at Koenig Elementary and I am pleased to announce we are a 13th year Title One School of Recognition! It is because of your commitment to your children and building connections within the school community that make teaching and learning at Koenig, a great place to educate your children.

This summer our district elementary staff have worked 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. We feel very good about the conversations and how we will use the information to prescribe exactly what your child needs. Part of that process was becoming familiar with 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 math and 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, as we move into the 17-18 school year we will have more practice with 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 fourteen year old daughter named Adaya, who also was a Koenig graduate and will be transitioning to the high school as a freshman! 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 2017-2018 school year beginning on September 5th!