

Hello Central Families!

My name is Katie Rollings and I am thrilled to be your child's second grade teacher and to have you all as partners along the way! I grew up in Wilmette, went to Loyola Academy and attended Boston College, where I earned both my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and my master's degree in Special Education. For 8 years I taught both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades at a CPS magnet school. This will be my 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Central. I LOVE teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and I can't wait to meet all my new students!

This will be such a special year for your child! You'll be amazed at how much they learn and grow. In our classroom, students will participate in Reader's and Writer's Workshop, where we'll develop habits of successful readers and writers through personalized instruction and lots of practice. In Mathematics, we'll learn to be strategic thinkers and problem solvers. We will have fun exploring the world around us in Science and Social Studies. Most importantly, we will work together to make our classroom a caring and joyful place where students feel valued, safe, and successful.

I look forward to meeting everyone on our first half day of school! Please bring all your school supplies with you, as well as this extra:

- 1 **blue** plastic pocket folder (with fasteners/prongs)

Also, I'm including instructions for your child's first "assignment" as a second grader. Each student will be asked to create a Me Bag to help us get to know each other. These should be brought to school on the first day of school.

I am excited for a GREAT year! Enjoy your summer and I will see you very soon! ☺

Sincerely,

Ms. Rollings

# ME BAGS!



Dear Second Grader,

I hope you are having a fun summer and are excited to start school! I am VERY excited to get to know you and for you to get to know me! To help us do this, we are all going to make a “Me Bag” to share with each other. A “Me Bag” is a small paper bag filled with 4-5 small items that show others who you are! You can include:

- A photograph of your family
- Things that represent an activity or hobby (Lego, hockey puck, paintbrush, etc.)
- Special toys or objects that you love.
- Feel free to decorate your bag!

**Me Bags should be brought to school on the first day of school.**

You will each get to share it with the class during the first 2 weeks of school. Once you share your Me Bag, you will bring it home. If you have any questions, please let me know! Thanks!

- Ms. Rollings