

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 many years I taught both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades at a CPS magnet school. This will be my 3<sup>rd</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 ([EXAMPLE](#))

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 second day of school, Friday, August 31.

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

Sincerely,

Ms. Rollings

# ME BAGS!



Dear 2<sup>nd</sup> Grader,

I hope you are having a fun summer and are excited to start school! 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is so much fun! I am VERY excited for our class to get to know each other! To help us do this, we are all going to make a “Me Bag” to share. A “Me Bag” is a small paper bag filled with 4-5 small items that show others who you are! You can include:

- Things that represent people you love (e.g. a picture of your family)
- Things that represent places you love (e.g. a seashell, postcard)
- Things that represent things/activities you love (Lego, hockey puck, paintbrush, etc.)
- Feel free to decorate your bag!

**Me Bags should be brought to school on the second day of school, Friday, August 31.** You will each get to share it with the class during the first two 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