

Climbing to New Heights in Education Together, and Building a Brighter Future in Math and Science One Block at a Time.

Welcome Back to School!

Dear Parent/Guardian-

I am very excited about this school year!!! I have great expectations for myself and my students. I encourage you to keep in contact with me by notes, emails, or phone calls. I look forward to this being a delightful and productive school year.

About Me:

This is my fifth year teaching with the Omaha School District. I graduated from University of Arkansas in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in Adult Education. I graduated from Arkansas State University in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in Middle School Education. When I'm not at school, I enjoy hiking, reading, gardening, and spending time with my husband, our children and our grandchildren.

Take-home Folders:

I will be sending home your child's papers as well as other important information every Monday in a folder. Please sign, date, and return the folder by Wednesday. I will provide comments inside the folders, and I encourage parents to do the same.

Discipline Policy:

First Infraction- Warning

Second Infraction- Warning will be reiterated; however if student does not respond to correction he/she will miss half recess.

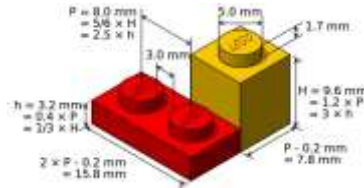
Third Infraction- Student will miss full recess.

Fourth Infraction- Student will miss full recess and parent will be contacted.

Fifth Infraction- Office Referral

Positive Behavior Policy:

Students who do not have discipline issues will receive a reward.



School Website:

I encourage you to check out our school website for any updates and information at omahaschool.weebly.com. And sign up for our weekly school email. You can also sign up to receive texts with updates on school events and school closings.

Blog:

I have created a classroom blog to keep you updated on what's going on in our room. I will post things such as weekly assignments, reminders, and educational websites for kids, forms, classroom schedule, etc. Feel free to comment within the blog or email me if you have any questions. You can find our class page at www.mrskobriensclass.weebly.com.

Grades:

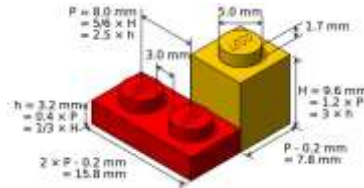
All assignments will be graded; however, only selected assignments will be entered into the grade book. A check mark at the top of the page is used to indicate that the assignment was not entered into the grade book, but only used for practice purposes. I update students' grades in e-school on a weekly basis. I encourage you to set up an account, if you haven't already, in order to stay up-to-date on your child's progress throughout the year.

Book Orders:

I will be sending Scholastic book orders home each month in your child's take home folder. Ordering through Scholastic provides our class a great opportunity to earn free books. Feel free to order as many or few times as you want. Please send your book order form along with a check (payable to Scholastic) to school with your child. (No cash please). When ordering, book order forms and payment need to be returned to school with your child by the date specified. Scholastic orders may also be placed online by accessing the link found on our class website under "Parent Resources and Links" tab.

Lunch Money:

Please send lunch money in an envelope marked with your child's name and the amount enclosed. This makes it much easier for me to keep track when sending it to the cafeteria. Also, please note that the cafeteria has a **no charge policy**.



Picking up/Dropping off your child:

Just a reminder, if you need to pick up your child during school hours, please go directly to the office and sign them out. Students who arrive after 8:00 will need to be signed in at the office by a parent. If your child is to ride a different bus, or if your child is to be picked up, please send a note to school or call the office to let us know.

Together, we are partners in your child's education, and I encourage you to keep in contact with me anytime you have questions or concerns this year. Please email, phone call, notes, or conference.

If sending a note, all notes must be given to me at the beginning of the class.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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