

Welcome to Kindergarten!



I would like to welcome all of you to Kindergarten at A2 STEAM @ Northside! I am very excited to start this school year in such a wonderful community and school. Kindergarten is a year of growing socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. I am thrilled to begin this new adventure with both you and your children.

My name is Alicia MacGeorge-Loomis, but as most of you have seen I go by Mrs. Loomis at school. I will have the pleasure of teaching your kindergarten student(s) this year. I currently reside in Britton, MI with my husband Jeff, daughter Grace (20 months) and our dog Juno. I graduated from Siena Heights University in 2007 with my teaching degrees in Elementary Education and Art Education. I have been working in the Ann Arbor school district for the last 11 years; most recently at Ann Arbor Open before coming here to A2 STEAM in 2014

I have several options for sharing information with you on a weekly basis.. First and foremost, I use email to send weekly communications in the form of our class newsletter, but I also send our newsletters through our Seesaw page and class blog. I will have information about Seesaw and how we use it in our classroom during our School Curriculum night on Tuesday, September 17th, 2019. If you would prefer a printed newsletter please just let me know and I will get that for you each week sent home with your child.

If during the school year your contact or email information changes, please notify myself or the school office to update it. I look forward to all the adventures your students and I will share this year!

Welcome to an exciting year here at A2STEAM!

What to Know and Bring for School:

Red Folders: In our classroom there is always something that needs to come home. Your students will be provided with a Red Communication Folder. This folder will travel back and forth to school each day. I will send home activities the students have completed and mail distributed from the office. Please help your student in remembering to share with you the contents and return this folder each day. Upon arrival to school each morning your child will put their folder in a special mailbox that is labeled with

their class number. I also have an area where students can take out notes or important information from parents. We strive to help students with independence and work on checking our folders before putting them away in the morning and making sure everything is in them at the end of the day.

Snack Time: During the school year our class participates in 2 snack times per day. The morning snack is a group class snack brought to school by an assigned student for that day. For our afternoon snack, each child may bring something from home to eat. This snack can be as simple as crackers...its just a quick snack to help keep us going through the afternoon. We love healthy snacks such as fruits, vegetables, yogurts, cheeses and more! Look for the snack calendar to come home with your student in their Red Folder on the first day of school. I will also post a copy on our class website. We have a No Peanut/ Tree nut policy in our classroom. You can pack these items for student lunches, but they can not be taken out in the classroom. There are special seating areas for students with Nut Allergies in the cafeteria to eat with our class but in a safe Nut Free environment.

Backpack and Lunchbox: Backpacks and lunchboxes should be labeled with your child's name. (along with any personal belongings...labeling makes a huge difference once snow pants begin to arrive) Your child will need to carry a backpack to school every day. The backpack should be large enough to bring home a 9x12 paper project. Please check your child's backpack EVERYDAY! I do my best to notify parents of any critical information coming home I folders.

Change of Clothes: Sometimes accidents happen or we have a little too much fun in the water or mud! It would be great to have a clear ziplock bag labeled with your child's name with a change of clothes for your child to have in the classroom. We keep these bags in the students backpacks. The bag should contain: underwear, shirt, pants, and socks. This will just make those moments easier. If an accident occurs, I will put the clothes in a ziplock bag to send home, and also will notify you at pick up, by email or a phone call.

Athletic Shoes for P.E. Class: Please make sure that your child wears athletic shoes to school or brings them in their backpack on P.E. class days. Our gym class policy is that if the child does not have gym shoes, they can not participate in the daily activities.

Birthdays: We LOVE celebrating birthdays at school! We however have a No Treat policy for birthdays. You have the option to send in your child's favorite book for me to

read to the class on this day. If you (or any other family member) would like to read the book please let me know! We have also had students send in pencils, or other little objects to share with friends. This is not required. In the classroom we always celebrate with a birthday song special for the birthday student.

Drop Off/Pick Up: The School bell rings in the morning at 8:19am. Students will enter the classroom and begin a morning routine that we will learn during this first week of school.

Please make sure that you have indicated how the end of the school day will look for your child each day at 3:22pm. Will it be: Parent/Sibling Pick Up, Bus (your child will get a tag with their bus number on it), or After-School Care? The end of the day can be very confusing and frustrating for your child if they and myself, do not know where they need to be. This includes a babysitter pick up or an older sibling who is coming to get them at the end of the day. This is all to ensure the safety of every child. If your end of the day plans change for any reason, please call the school office and notify them. We can make sure your child is aware of the change and it can be carried out properly. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

We will be using iPads in the classroom through out the school year. If possible, I am asking that you send in a pair of headphones that will be for your child's personal use with their class iPad. You can put these in a ziplock bag, labeled with their name or simply send them in and I will place them in a labeled bag. We will keep them in the classroom. This just ensures that each child has their own set and is not having to share with some one else.

School Specials: Our Kindergarten classes will be participating in the following Specials each week!

- Library
- Physical Education
- Art
- Vocal Music
- Coding/PLTW (Project Lead the Way)

Look for more about specific days and times of these special classes on the board outside our classroom or the sheet attached to this letter.!

Communication: It is very important that we work as a team through out the year to ensure the success of your child. It is my belief that a child's success is based on a cooperative parent/teacher relationship. I look forward to working with you throughout the year. Together we can make your child's year in kindergarten an unforgettable experience. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask or email. I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019.

Lets make this a great year together!

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