



Welcome Second Graders and families!

My name is Kimberly Nagel, and I am so excited to welcome you to the 2023 - 2024 school year. I am looking forward to creating a community of learning and laughter together!

About me -

I am a proud Colorado Native. I was born here, in Denver, at St. Joe's and was raised in Thornton, Colorado. I attended Colorado State University after graduating from High School, and began working part-time at an Early Childhood Education Center. This job sparked my interest in ECE and I discovered my passion for working with children. I have now worked in education, in some form or fashion, for over 28 years. I have been a Preschool, Toddler, and Pre-K Teacher, a Director of a large childcare center, owned and operated my own in-home childcare, worked as a paraprofessional, an STR (School Technology Rep) and an SAL (School Assessment Leader), and finally as a second grade teacher. Which is my favorite, by far! I hold two certifications and degrees. One in Early Childhood Education and the other in Elementary Education. I also have a certification in GT and HGT education. I LOVE teaching! I have told my husband that even if we won the lottery, I wouldn't quit my job. That is how much I love teaching! I am right where I am destined to be! Teaching feeds my soul, and I genuinely love each of my students for the amazing individuals they all are!

My Family -

I have been married to my husband, Jason, for thirteen years. We have a son, Miles, who just turned eleven years old in June. He will be attending 6th grade at West Middle School this year. My daughter, Avery, will have had a birthday and turned 7 this past summer. She is going to be a Cory Cougar again this year, and we are overjoyed that she is in Mrs. Wilsted's class for 2nd grade!

Our family has a Great Dane, named Moose and two hamsters named Karl and Christopher. The Nagels enjoy traveling and attending Colorado sporting

events and concerts at Red Rocks. I'm an avid reader and I also love hanging out at the museum, the Zoo, and Elitch's in my spare time.



To prepare for the first day of school -

- Please have students bring a water bottle with them to keep on their desk. This helps them stay hydrated and focused throughout the day.
- We use the DIY snack method. Each child may bring a small snack to eat in the morning during recess. Snacks can be kept in their lunchbox or backpack each day.
- On the first day of school (and every day after), we will line up on the number 4 on the playground sidewalk at 8:15am. I will also dismiss the students from the same spot in the afternoons at 3:20pm
- If you have ordered an Edukit, it will be waiting in the classroom for your child to unpack on the first day of school. If you purchased your

school supplies over the summer, feel free to bring them to Back to School Night. The students can put their supplies on their desks, and we will incorporate the labeling of all school supplies on the first day of school. So, please don't worry about labeling any of your child's items. We will do this together on the first day of school.

- I have set up a Class Dojo account. You should have received an email invite to join our class. If you haven't you can use this link to join our class dojo.
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- Class dojo will be my main way of communicating with both parents and students throughout the school year. So please be sure you join our class!

Back to School Night -

You will have an opportunity to come meet me and see other kids from our class before school starts! On the evening of August 17th you can come meet me, see our classroom and meet and greet the other families from our class at our combined Back to School/Meet the Teacher Night. This is a student friendly event, so please feel free to bring your kids so they can meet me and hear about what they will learn in class this year. I will talk with you and the kids briefly about our learning, but also leave our time together open for student and parent questions. See the flier below.

I have attached a link to the school supply list below, just in case anyone needs it...
[Second Grade Supply List 2022-2023](#)

I can't wait to meet each and every one of you. I'm looking forward to another fantastic school year with all of you and your children. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me via email. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

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