



## **Kindergarten Disclosure 2016-2017**

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### **Teacher**

My name is Rachel Stucki. I graduated from the University of Utah in Early Childhood Education. This means that my specialty is working with children in Kindergarten – the Third Grade. I chose to get certified in these grades so that I could really focus on the younger children and provide them with the best education possible. I have my English as a Second Language endorsement, and I am also certified in Early Steps (this is a literacy intervention program). I will integrate this into my daily teaching and also tutor before or after school to children who need it. I will be teaching Kindergarten curriculum in a way that is developmentally appropriate and I will be promoting a culture where children can feel safe and care for one another.

### **Kindergarten Goals**

Utah has adopted the Common Core Curriculum which outlines standards of learning that are essential for all students at each elementary grade level. The curriculum includes ideas, concepts, and skills to provide a foundation on which subsequent learning may be built. The curriculum for each grade level can be accessed on the Utah State Office of Education's website at: <http://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/core>.

### **Instructional Materials**

- Literacy (reading, writing, spelling, phonics, vocabulary, guided reading, literature, grammar, and high frequency words): Wonders by McGraw-Hill reading, 2010.
- Math: Expressions Common Core by, Houghton Mifflin Math, 2007.
- ELD (English Language Development): E.L.Achieve , 2008.
- ERI (Early Reading Intervention) for Small Groups.
- Health, Science, and Social Studies are integrated in the literacy program.
- Music, art, and physical education are taught by teachers and paraprofessionals in the school.

### **Instructional Practices**

In Kindergarten we do a variety of teaching instruction. We do whole group, small group and large group instruction. All of these groups will happen each day. I also will be teaching to different styles of learning; Visual (learning by seeing), Auditory (learning by hearing), and Kinesthetic (learning by doing). This way I will reach all types of learners.

Students will be grouped according to English Language skills for ELD (English Language Development), and may be taught by the ESL teacher, Mr. Luthy, Mrs. Newby, or myself.

Students who need extra support in an area may receive an intervention by a Para Professional or myself. These are held in small groups or one-on-one.

### **Course Requirements**

Attendance and punctuality are very important in order for children to develop into successful students. Please make an effort to limit absences. If your child is unable to be in school, please call and/or send a note upon return to school. If your child is absent for an extended period of time please come get work for your child so he/she can keep up with what is happening in class.

### **Homework**

Literacy and Mathematic homework will be sent home every Monday. It will have different activities for your child to do for four days of the week. This homework is due back every Friday. 20 minutes of reading is required each night and must be recorded in the reading log that will be sent home every Monday. I have photo copied the books we read in class and I send them home in the Literacy packet on Mondays. Your child should and will be able to read this if you read with them every night.

### **School Wide Behavior System**

At Bennion Elementary we use a school wide behavior program. The program is Class Dojo. With this system parents and teachers can communicate daily. The student can earn points for positive behavior or lose points for making poor choices. It is done all online so parents can access how the child has been behaving on a day to day process. Through this system we can also send messages and alerts to parents.

To remind students of appropriate behavior within the school (cafeteria, playground, classrooms, hallway, and bathroom). We have developed the Bennion ROAR system. See attached file for more information.

## **Grading Procedures**

Salt Lake School District had set clear standards and expectations for all students. To be on grade level, students are expected to be able to demonstrate knowledge for the information that has been taught. Your child's grade will be determined by: teacher observation, daily homework, class performance, participation, oral and written tests, and daily work. Each Friday, tests are given on that week's work. Three times a year the Dibels Next test is given and DRA tests are given two times a year. The CRT test is given at the end of the year.

## **Dress Code**

Bennion Elementary has a dress code. No logos are to be worn. Also, no hats or hoods are to be worn in the building and shoes should cover the feet. Flip flops are too dangerous for school activities. Please do not wear perfume or cologne, because people may have allergies or asthma.

## **Birthdays**

We will be celebrating each child's birthday in the class. Your child may provide a special **store bought** treat for that day if desired. If your child's birthday falls on a holiday, vacation or weekend, he/she may choose a day before or after that day to bring a treat. At the end of the school year, we will choose a day for the children who have summer birthdays to celebrate.

## **Money**

If you send money to school, please put it in a sealed envelope that is labeled with your child's name, what it is for, and the teacher's name.

## **Volunteering**

I welcome anyone who would like to volunteer in the classroom. If you would like to come on a regular basis just contact me we would love to have your help in the classroom. The more help the better. If you would just like to do a special presentation or occasionally volunteer in the classroom just meet with me via telephone or after school to set up a time for you to come.

## **Also Important**

- Please help your child leave gum, toys, and candy at home. Toys will be taken.
- Cell phones, iPods, game boys, etc. must not be seen or heard or they will be taken and parents will be notified.
- Please mark all your child's belongings with his/her name.
- Please send a book bag or backpack with your child **daily** and **check** the bag each night for notes and homework.
- Please dress your child for the weather conditions. We go outside most days, because it is important for your child's development.

- Be sure to send your child to school well rested, well fed, and emotionally ready to learn, in order to get the most positive experience in school.
- Working together as teachers and parents, we can provide your child with a fun and educational year. I look forward to have a great year with your child.

Thank You!  
Rachel Stucki

### **Classroom Rules**

- 1. Follow Directions Quickly**
- 2. Raise your hand for permission to speak**
- 3. Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat**
- 4. Make Smart Choices**
- 5. Keep Your Dear Teacher Happy!**

### **Hallway Rules**

- 1. Walk**

**2. Hands to yourself**

**3. Voices off**

**Disclosure Signatures**

**Please sign and return this page so I know you have received it.**

**Students Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents Name** \_\_\_\_\_

