

Mrs. Robins' Class

2nd Grade

Introduction:

Hello Lindbergh Families!

My name is Katie Robins, and I am so excited to be your child's teacher this year! I have been teaching at Lindbergh for my whole teaching career. I have a bachelor's degree in Elementary Ed. from Eastern Michigan University, and a Masters in Teaching and Curriculum Degree from Michigan State University. I have a wonderful family, my husband Ken, my son Zach and daughter Casey. I also have a dog named Otis and a gecko named Mango. I am looking forward to working with your child and you this year. I hope to make this year an enjoyable one.

I know that this year will look very different from years past, but please know that I am here to support your child and your family in any way possible to make this year a positive and productive one. We will work together and communicate often to ensure that your child has a fun, safe, and successful year! Please take a minute to read over this letter for important information.

How you can be reached and you will reach out to them (be sharing information

This year more than ever communication will be important. I am here to help support your child and your family, so please keep me informed on how all of you are doing. I know that this is a time of much uncertainty, so I will be sure to communicate regularly with you and your child about anything going on in the virtual classroom. I will be sure to respond to all emails within 24 hours (Monday through Friday), and progress reports will be sent out to keep you informed on your child's progress. I am available between the school hours of 8:55-3:50 Monday-Friday, and by appointment if necessary. **Please also** note that Dearborn public schools will be using Schoology and email as the main forms of communication this year instead of a blog. The school blog will still remain updated until we switch over to Schoology. It is highly recommended that you to subscribe to my blog for updates.

Here are the best ways to reach me:

- My email: robinsk@dearbornschools.org
- Schoology- will be used for weekly posts, reminders, and assignments.
 Until it is up and running, we will use our blogs, and emails to keep you updated and informed.
- School Phone: (313)827-6300
- My blog: <u>https://iblog.dearbornschools.org/robinsk/</u>

What to expect for instruction

- <u>The First Week Monday, August 31-Thursday, September 3 (8:55am-12:00pm)</u>: The first week back we will focus on building a sense of community, acclimating to work online and setting up procedures and protocols for success. We will be using the Leader In Me lessons to help us get ready for the year ahead. Please also take the time this week to set up a learning area for your child at home so that they can be successful. This area should be somewhere quiet and organized with easy access to their materials. I can't wait to get started! THIS WOULD BE A GREAT PLACE TO KEEP ALL OF THE MATERIALS YOU RECEIVE ON MONDAY TOO!
- First week schedule will be posted on my blog
- Learning Platforms
 - Schoology-this will act as our learning center or online classroom. All assignments and websites that we use will be shared here. Class announcements will also be posted here instead of a class blog.

Schoology Login Information:

Login: student1 Password: Lindbergh1 (Logins to come)

- Zoom-this will act as our virtual learning tool. All live lessons will be conducted on zoom. Zoom will be linked through Schoology as well.
- Weekly Schedule: Posted on Schoology every Friday before the week with specific information and links,
 - ELA/Math will be done in in the AM (breaks in between)
 - 11:45-12:25 Lunch
 - Science/Social Studies/Specials/Learning Labs(virtual for now) in the PM (breaks in between)

Resources for content

ELA

• **Benchmark**-We will use the comprehensive online resources for this program daily, as well as some hard copy resources that you will pick up in a couple of weeks. This program includes social studies and science nonfiction content as well as great fiction texts. Benchmark will be our only ELA resource this year as all components are included.

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Math

- Eureka-We will use Eureka again this year for math instruction. Students will use the online resource called In Sync that Eureka offers as well as the hard copy math books (you will be picking up 3 books (Learn, Succeed, and Practice) on Monday).
 - In Sync Login Information:

Login: student1 Password: Lindbergh1 (Login to come)

• Zearn <u>zearn.org</u>

Science and Social Studies-although embedded in ELA will use Mystery Science

Mystery Science Information:

• Links will be provided later as lessons are assigned. You have received a packet for science in your red folder to be used with Mystery Science. Social Studies will be taught with either live lessons or pre-recorded lessons. There is a packet in your red folder for Unit 1. Students will be required to keep these packets they will read and write on them.

Leader in Me (LIM)-

• This is a comprehensive school improvement model that Lindbergh implements for student and staff success. Students will learn about the 7 habits of highly effective kids/people throughout the year. We will start the year with many LIM lessons. (A book will be sent home. This will be used all year as we transition back to the classroom, please keep it in a safe place.)

Link to LIM website HERE

This year will be a wonderful one, but also a year of many firsts. Please remember that we are all new to the online classroom, and parents, students and teachers are all in this together! We will be flexible and positive as a community and we will synergize to help one another in any way we can. I am looking forward to working with your child and your family this year, let's get started!

Sincerely,

Katie Robins