

August 2018

Dear Room 172 Families,



Welcome to the 2018–2019 school year at Park Forest Elementary School! I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all of the families who will be joining our Room 172 classroom community. First grade is such an exciting time during which students are building friendships, learning, and growing so quickly! I am greatly looking forward to working with your family and your child this year in our 1st grade classroom!

My name is Vanessa Tomasko, and I will be your child's 1st grade teacher. This is my 10th year in the district, and I love being a teacher on our primary team! I am looking forward to working with you and your child to make his or her year at PFE a positive one filled with fun and learning! My goal is to prepare your child with the skills and strategies necessary to be successful in the future as a learner and as a citizen.

Our classroom webpage can be found at: <http://www.scasd.org//Domain/179>.

Here, you will find further information about our schedule and activities, as well as links to educational websites. You will also find a copy of the 2018/2019 Supply List. Many of the supplies typically found on a supply list are no longer needed thanks to the generous donations of our Park Forest PTO. Headphones to be used with Chomebooks are needed. Kindly place headphones in a Ziploc bag with your child's name on it. These will be returned at the end of the year.

Communication is one of our greatest tools. At the beginning of the year, I will send home a short questionnaire to better get to know your child and his or her needs. On the questionnaire you will have the opportunity to share with me any pertinent information about your child. I look forward to collaborating with you to meet your child's needs this year. Please feel free to contact me anytime throughout the year with questions or concerns by email (vmt11@scasd.org) or by leaving a message at the main office at (814-231-5010) to which I will respond as promptly as possible.

Important Dates

***First Day of School: Monday, August 27th**

***Back-to-School Night: Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00pm**

I am excited for this school year and am looking forward to working with your family and getting to know your child! As a team, we will work together to make your child's year successful and memorable.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Tomasko

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