

Dear Parents,

Here is some information about the first and second grade split class next year. My last name, Tosch, rhymes with gosh. We will have Mrs. Beland and Mrs. Zielaskowski (Laurie) to help us quite a bit. I have taught in the Posen Elementary for 20 years, 9 of them in a split.

### **Supplies to bring to school**

The school provides most supplies. Here are some that you can help with:

- small box of crayons (no more than 24)
- 24 pencils, please sharpen them at home (Don't send them all at once. Every marking period they might need 6.)
- small pencil box
- small pencil sharpener with lid for shavings
- backpack
- glue sticks (for the community bowl)
- drawing pad (optional, if your child is a doodler)
- Kleenex 2 boxes with your child's name on it (unused boxes will be returned in June)
- Colored pencils and markers are optional.
- 4 dry erase markers (Don't send them all at once. We use about one a marking period. If they have all them in September, they all run out early.)

### **Room**

We will be in room 102.

### **Pop, Gum, Candy, Snacks, and Milk**

Students are not allowed to drink pop or have candy in class. We do not have snack time or snack milk.

### **Hats**

I do not allow students to wear hats in my room.

### **Bathroom privileges**

Students may use the bathroom at any time during an emergency. If the bathroom is in use, they may go to the all purpose room next door or to the

cafeteria bathrooms. Students should try to use the bathroom during work time rather than instruction time. It is the responsibility of all students to keep our bathroom clean.

### **Drinking faucet privileges**

They may get a quick drink after gym, recess, or when needed as long as it does not become disruptive.

### **Holiday Parties**

We will be having short celebrations in class and either watch a video or play holiday themed games. You will not need to bring any treats in for them, but if you do, healthy treats are better than treats.

### **Birthday Treats**

You may bring or send a small treat for your child's birthday. We currently have 24 students. **Please do not distribute invitations to birthday parties at school unless you are inviting all girls, or all boys in your child's grade.** This is a school-wide policy meant to prevent hurt feelings. Trust me, not being invited does hurt students' feelings. Be considerate.

### **Mail**

Students will have a mailbox for their corrected or completed work. They will go home Friday.

### **Pets**

Please do not bring pets to school. Several students at school have pet allergies.

### **Pencils**

Outside the elementary library is a pencil machine. They are \$.25.

### **Lunch Tickets**

It is the responsibility of the student to purchase or charge lunch tickets first thing in the morning. If a student makes a habit of forgetting to purchase it and has to interrupt the lunch line or the secretaries, they will need to sit on the bench for 5 minutes after finishing their lunch.

### **Book Clubs**

We will be using different Scholastic Book Clubs this year. For payment, you can write a check written out to Scholastic, send cash to school in an envelope with your child's name on it, or use your credit card at

[www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs). On the internet, you will need to use my name, April Tosch, and the password gyppl

### **Grades**

We will use Power Schools grading program for our grades. You will receive a password from the office the first week of school. Parents can log in and check their child's grades. They will be listed as regular letter grades. On student papers I use the following remarks: star (great) A; check plus (good) B; check (O.K.) C; check minus (needs improvement) D; and E (unacceptable). I sometimes allow students to fix and return papers that are check minus and below for more credit. Sometimes we fix them in class. Sometimes they fix them with me or an aide. Tests that are C or below can sometimes be retaken for fixed for a higher averaged grade.

### **Penmanship**

We are using D'nealian manuscript and cursive. We will practice Printing all year. The second graders will start D'nealian cursive after Christmas.

### **Spelling**

Tests are on Fridays. Each grade has their own list. The new lists will be in the Friday parent letters, which are usually posed online under my picture on the school's website.

### **Social Studies**

This subject is taught together. There is no book for this subject this year. We will be doing a lot of supplemental activities and exploring our world through a lot of writing and online resources.

### **Science**

This subject is taught together. This year we will be using the first grade text. Next year, we will use the second grade text. The students will read chapters out-loud. A study sheet will be provided. Tests may be taken from the guide. Some of the things we will learn about are plants, animals, planets, rocks, energy, and simple machines. Second graders will be doing more in-depth activities and experiments.

### **Reading**

This subject is taught separately. We have a basal (anthology) that will be read together for tracking, vocabulary, spelling, phonics, and fluency.

Second graders and first graders, after Christmas, will do six-minute solution readings in class with a partner every day for reading fluency.

**Math**

This subject is taught separately. Mrs. Beland will teach first grade. I will teach second grade.

**Computers**

We will have some computer time five days a week. We will be going on IXL, Mobymax, typing, xtramath, abcmouse (first grade), learn.education, spellingcity, and Microsoft word.

**Phonics**

Both classes will have their own books this year. We will be using two Phonics for reading books this year. The second graders are going to be using the  $\frac{2}{3}$  grade book and the first graders will use the  $\frac{1}{2}$  grade book.

**Writing**

This subject is taught together.

**Box Tops for Education**

Posen collects General Mills' Box Tops for Education.

**Schedule**

Here is our very tentative schedule for 2016-17.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:55-8:00	Morning work	Morning work	Morning work	Morning work	Morning work
8:00-8:55	Math 1 Beland Math 2 Tosch	Math 1 Beland Math 2 Tosch	Math 1 Beland Math 2 Tosch	Math 1 Beland Math 2 Tosch	Math 1 Beland Math 2 Tosch
8:55-9:12	1/2 reading Tosch/aide	1/2 reading Tosch/aide	1/2 reading Tosch/aide	1/2 reading Tosch/aide	1/2 reading Tosch/aide
9:15-9:30	1/2 phonics activities Tosch/aide	1/2 phonics activities Tosch/aide	1/2 phonics activities Tosch/aide	1/2 phonics activities Tosch/aide	1/2 phonics activities Tosch/aide

9:30	Title 1 services/ computer lab	Title 1 services/ computer lab	Title 1 services/ computer lab	Title 1 services/ computer lab	Title 1 services/ computer lab
10:00	Phonics for reading 1	Phonics for reading 2	Document Based Research 2	½ writing	½ writing
10:40	½ Read Read Do Read Read Check 6 minute solution Tosch	½ Read Read Do Read Read Check 6 minute solution Tosch	½ Read Read Do Read Read Check 6 minute solution Tosch	½ Read Read Do Read Read Check 6 minute solution Tosch	½ Read Read Do Read Read Check 6 minute solution Tosch
10:55	Lunch				
11:35	Read to students				
12:00	½ Science	½ Science	½ Science	½ Science	½ Science
12:30	1/2 SS	1/2 SS	1/2 SS	1/2 SS	1/2 SS
1:10	½ Library Beland	½ Library Beland	½ Library Beland	½ Library Beland	½ Library Beland
1:35	Gym	penmanship	½ Music	½ Art	½ clean desks
2:00-2:30	recess	Duty recess	recess	recess	recess
2:30 -2:50	1 /2 computers moby Tosch	1 /2 computers typing web Tosch	1 /2 computers write out loud Tosch	1 /2 computers ixl Tosch	1 /2 computers pearson realize or extra math Tosch
2:55	Get ready				
3:00	Go home				

If you have any questions, you can reach me this summer at my house in Rogers City. (We are in the phone book under Robert Tosch, if you lose this page.)

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