

Dear Students and Families,

August, 2016

Welcome! We are about to dive into a fun new school year in Room 219. I hope you are enjoying the last weeks of this fantastic summer. My own has been filled with a family reunion, hiking, camping, sailing, a trip to Yellowstone, and stacks of great books! I can't wait to hear and read stories about your adventures.

To introduce myself just a little bit to those of you new to room 219, I have a Bachelor of Arts with a major in history, a Master of Arts in Human Development as well as an Early Childhood Education Certificate, a Washington State Teaching Certificate and a Montessori Lower Elementary credential. I have experience teaching private school Montessori as well as science at the Pacific Science Center and Seattle Public Schools. I am excited to begin my 14<sup>th</sup> year at Daniel Bagley! Both my daughter (sophomore at the UW!) and son (junior at Ingraham HS) completed all of their elementary years at Daniel Bagley, so you know I am proud to be a Bagley Bee!

I have a passion for the natural world, including birding, kayaking, sailing, hiking, gardening, raising salmon, teaching science and leading nature oriented field trips.

This year our class will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I am looking forward to a year of curiosity, exploration, friendship and learning. We will cover the standards and expectations for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade using the Montessori elementary curriculum and philosophy.

Parents, please send me an email before school starts or in the first week to check in and make sure I have a correct email address that you would like me to use for updates and newsletters this year. The first day of school is Wednesday, September 7. This year school starts bright and early at 7:55 am. School is out at 2:05 pm.

I will be looking for a few classroom volunteers, so let me know if you are interested. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and working with you to have a wonderful school year!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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\*Below you will find some helpful information I would like to share with you to help our year run smoothly:

\***Supplies:** A supply list for Montessori 1/2/3<sup>rd</sup> grade is posted on the Daniel Bagley web site (<http://bagleyes.seattleschools.org/>). Please do not put your child's name on supplies, as most will be stored in the classroom to be used throughout the year. In addition, please send a **check for \$25.00** (made out to **Daniel Bagley Elementary, with the classroom noted at the bottom, separate checks for siblings in separate classrooms, please**) to cover the purchase of other needed supplies such as particular papers, paints, notebooks, labels, folders, tape, sewing materials and other materials for the Practical Life exercises in our classroom. \$5.00 of this money will be for the art room.

\***Label belongings:** Please put your child's name on all clothing, lunch bags, etc.

\***Communication:** Check your child's folder each night, and send me an email when needed. Parent-teacher communication is so important, especially at the beginning of the year. I welcome and appreciate feedback from you, particularly if your child expresses concern about any aspect of his/her school experience. Please also share with me information regarding significant family happenings as they come up: birth of a sibling, special family trips, illness, etc. This awareness helps me understand and respond more appropriately to your child's needs in a specific situation. If you have any concerns, please send me a note or call the school and leave me a message so I can get in touch with you.

\***After school plans:** Please send a note if your child is not going home in the usual way on a given day. Your child's well being and safety are of great importance to us and your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. A note permanently taped into the inside of the "take home folder" with the weekly after school schedule and bus # if needed can be very helpful if your child's schedule is at all complex.

\***Change of clothes:** Please send a change of clothes in a zip-lock gallon bag or other small, labeled bag to be kept in your child's locker. Hopefully it will be unused all year, but better to be prepared for those messy projects and accidents than not!

\***Set up a "To-School Staging or On-Deck Area":** to make mornings easier for you. Your child can organize and manage homework, notes, field trip forms, lunch box, etc. in a convenient place. We will use our daily "going home folder" for notes back and forth from school. Please help your child find a special place to keep this folder and please check it every night