



Dear Parents,

My name is Leighann Kohl and I will be your child's First Grade teacher for this upcoming school year. I am both eager and anxious to have the opportunity to work with and guide your child through a very exciting learning adventure here at Lowell Schools.

First Grade is an exciting time as children embark upon new adventures in the world of learning. This is a year of important transitions, as well as one in which the acquisition of new skills is quickly accelerated. So much happens in First Grade, and because of this, parents as well as children may have some apprehensions about the school year. It is extremely important to keep in mind that we all build on small successes. Throughout the year, each child will progress at his/her own rate, acquiring skills as he/she is developmentally ready. Maintaining each child's self-esteem and building a secure foundation for future growth will always remain a priority in my classroom! It is my goal to ensure that each of my students receive the proper instruction at their individual level. Differentiating for the needs of my individual learners and "meeting them where they are at" is a critical component of my teaching philosophy.

I am a firm believer in developing all aspects of the whole child. Along with preparing your child for rigorous academic tasks, I will also foster their social/emotional journey throughout the year. This will happen through patience, understanding, and truly getting to know your child on a personal level. Building solid relationships with my students is of utmost importance in my classroom.

About Me:

This will be my 13th year of teaching, and my 9th at Lowell Schools. I graduated from Western Michigan University in 2010, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education. Additionally, I have earned a Master's Degree from Central Michigan University in Curriculum and Instruction. My husband (Mr. Kohl) also teaches 4th grade at Murray Lake. We have a 5th grader with us at MLE (Dallas), and a First Grader (Hayden) who will be joining us in our classroom this year. We feel fortunate to have the opportunity to experience all that Murray Lake has to offer as a family!

I look forward to working with you and your child this year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kohl