

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hello and welcome to the 2022 – 2023 school year! My name is Michelle Digman, and I am your child's second grade teacher. I am excited for the Second-Grade curriculum this year, as it will engage and motivate your child on wanting to learn. I am looking forward to seeing tremendous growth in your child's academic skills. My goal is to motivate and teach your child the skills, strategies, and knowledge to become a successful lifelong learner.

2022 – 2023 starts my 17<sup>th</sup> year of teaching! I have worked in District 11 for six years as an elementary educator. I do enjoy the community and the success that District 11 offers students. This is my first year at Madison Elementary School. Previously, I taught third grade at Scott Elementary for two years, as well as, third and fourth grade at McAuliffe Elementary for four years. Before coming to Colorado, I taught in Florida for over ten years from grades Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup>. I was also a Testing Coordinator for three years in Pinellas County Schools. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education K-6 and a Master's Degree in Reading Education K-12.

Madison Elementary is committed to provide your child with a motivating and safe environment, where your child will learn. In order to guarantee your child, and all the students in the classroom an excellent learning climate, expectations and goals must be in place. Children must be taught to take responsibility for their academics and behaviors. I want your child to be respectful, responsible, cooperative, positive, and successful in the classroom. You, as a parent/guardian, are expected to support your child's learning and guide him/her to be successful at school. I am committed to working with and guiding your child through the learning process of the second-grade curriculum. To be successful in the class, your child needs to attend school every day, maintain passing grades, and show growth in learning.

Stay connected and actively engaged with what's happening in your child's education! Download the *Remind* app to get notices about your child's classwork/homework, as well as reminders and events that are happening in the classroom and school. The code to join the class is **digman2223**. There is also a teacher webpage for you to refer to throughout the school year. (Link posted below and on the Madison website.) District 11 has made ways for parents, and students, to access grades, attendance, have direct communication from the District and School, and much more. Download the *CSSD11 app* on your smart device or computer. (<https://www.d11.org/>) *Parent PowerSchool* is for parents and students to have access to class grades and attendance. (<https://d11.powerschool.com/public/home.html>) I encourage you to use these programs to monitor and support your child's education. Also, join the PTA and SAC groups at Madison Elementary!

I know we are going to have a successful year, and I am certain that your child will enjoy second grade at Madison Elementary School. With your child's commitment to my class and your supported help, I can guarantee improvement with your child's grades and attitude in education. Please, feel free to contact me with questions or concerns of your child's academics. Let me know how I can help support you and your child with his/her learning. If you would like to meet with me to discuss more about your child and his/her education, contact me by either email, on *Remind*, or call my classroom number to set up a conference appointment with a 24-hours advance notice. Thank you for your continuing support, and welcome to Second Grade!



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