



# Stallion Scoop

## September 2015

### *From the Principal's Desk...*



#### Principal

Dr. Hollie Russell-West

#### School Secretary

Tiffany Butler

#### Family/Community

#### Specialist

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#### School Hours

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year. August 17th was a great start to the school year. Students showed up ready to learn. I can't wait to see what this year brings!

Here are a few highlights for you as we get back into the swing of things.

#### **Welcome New Staff Members!**

Ms. Neusitz-Art    Ms. Fisher-6th grade    Ms. Culley-PreK

We are excited to have such talented professionals join our staff.

#### **Dismissal Routine**

We are improving our dismissal routine. Buses park on the playground & student pickup is on Russell. We are attempting to keep our students on school grounds and alleviate the congestion on McNair. Please work with us as we finalize this process.

#### **Sigel Expectations**

Sigel has three expectations students are required to follow: Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe. Please make sure that you review these expectations with the students on a regular basis.

#### **Uniform Policy**

Students are expected to be in uniform **each** day. Students may wear: khaki, black or navy pants, with any solid color, polo-styled shirt. It is important to have students wear closed-toed, rubber sole shoes for their safety. Students have recess each day and open-toed shoes are not safe for play.

#### **Attendance**

Your child's attendance is important. Each day a child misses school, he/she misses out on learning. Please make sure that your child is in school each day. We will have incentives for students who meet attendance expectations and would hate for your child to miss out. If your child is sick, please contact the school.

#### **School Website**

Our school website will be updated by September 4, 2015. There you can find updates from teachers as well as school events. The web address is: <http://www.slps.org/sigel>

Parents and staff make a great team. Let's work together to ensure excellence for each child, every day with no excuses. Please contact me at 314-771-0010 if you have any questions or concerns.

**~Dr. Hollie Russell-West**

#### **Instructional Focus 2015**

*In ELA I can: Think critically about what I read; build academic vocabulary & write proficiently from a prompt or in response to a text.*

*In Mathematics I can: Solve problems and show the process; build academic vocabulary & write about mathematic concepts.*

# Sigel Spotlight on Academics

## Welcome to Kindergarten!



Our days will be filled with learning social skills, math, reading, writing, speaking, listening, science, Art, Music, Physical Education, and brain breaks.

Make sure your child is at school by 9:10 for breakfast and remains until 4:27 dismissal to ensure that your child has full opportunity to engage in all learning activities. We are excited to be starting a new school year!

~Ms. Fitzgibbons

### Kg Schedule

9:10-9:30 Breakfast & Meet in Gym  
9:30-10:00 Morning Meeting  
10:00-11:30 Math  
11:30-12:00 Lunch  
12:00-12:15 Recess  
12:15-2:00 Reading and Language Arts  
(Whole group, small group, & centers)  
2:00-2:45 Writing  
2:45-3:30 Specials (Art, Music, P.E.)  
3:30-4:15 Science  
4:15-4:27 Wrap-up, Pack-up, Dismissal



### Supply List

Crayons  
Markers  
Glue sticks  
Pencils  
Backpack  
Folder for homework

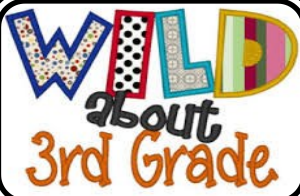


Ms. Schroder and Mrs. Brunk are so excited to be your teachers this year. You won't believe how much you will learn and how much FUN we will have along the way. Keep in mind that we are a family of first graders and we are going to help each other become better readers, writers and mathematicians!

## Welcome to Second Grade!

Mrs. Bergmann (Rm. 205), Mr. Potter (Rm. 110), and Ms. Harrell (Rm. 202) are excited to begin a new school year with you. There are many exciting things planned for this school year. We have a new language arts curriculum to strengthen our reading and writing skills. Please feel free to contact us during our planning period (Monday - Friday 11:30-12:00) with any questions or concerns. We look forward to a great year!





Welcome to Third Grade!

The third grade team is looking forward to getting to know your students. We have a lot of work to accomplish over the next 10 months. We appreciate the ability to convey to you the skills that we will be covering over the next several weeks.

In ELA, we are learning to identify the main message of a text and pull out details to support our observations and communicate our thoughts, questions and opinions to our peers.

In Math, we are learning about place value, addition and subtraction with regrouping.

In Social Studies, we are learning about oceans, continents, countries, & where those places are located on the map.

In Science we are learning about the scientific method.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us.  
Third Grade Team



**Mr. Weintraub**

### **Academics**

Reading: poetry

Mathematics: Place Value and Numeration

### **Earn DOJO/Kickboard Points**

100% following Hallway expectations

Being 100% in uniform

Being on time

Participating in class

Staying on task

Turning in homework

### **Behavior Focus**

Talking consistently even after redirections or consequences



Welcome to 5th grade! My name is Mrs. Bridgette Taylor and I am your child's teacher this year. We are located in Room 211. I am looking forward to sharing in an exciting and rewarding year with you and your child. As we work together to instill in each child a sense of confidence, self-esteem and responsibility, it is my hope that each will strive for his/her highest potential.

### **Computer Technology**

The integration of computer technology with our curriculum continues to be a thrust this year. However, students are not allowed to bring in technology devices to school. (Refer to student handbook.) I

do understand that situations happen to where students may need to have a cell phone while at school. Please speak with me so that we can come up with a reasonable solution to this problem. Any other devices will be confiscated and turned in to the office. Parents will have to retrieve devices.

### **Homework**

"Home" work is a vital part of learning in our classroom. It is generally unfinished work or a review of skills learned the day the assignment was given. It is very important that homework is completed each night. It is also expected that students read with an adult each evening. Also, review of multiplication facts should be a daily activity for every child.

### **Celebrations and Baking**

If your child is celebrating a birthday and you plan to send baking to school, please notify the office in advance and ensure that you have a visitor's packet completed prior to the day.

**We can learn something new anytime we believe we can.**

~Virginia Satir





## Welcome Back

I am so excited to serve the sixth grade students this year at Sigel Elementary! We are going to have a great school year. This year we will begin a new English/Language Arts Curriculum – Engage New York. It is important that the stu-

dents develop critical thinking skills, solve problems, read daily, inquire and develop proficient writing skills. Please make sure that you come to school on time each day. Our class meetings will begin each day at 9:30. Your input would be greatly appreciated. As school leaders, we must remember that we set the tone for the school. Be sure you report to school with a positive attitude, respect for others, and a strong commitment to follow directions, collaborate and learn. Again, welcome back!

~Ms. Fisher

## Upcoming Events

August 24-31, 2015

September 7

September 14

“Khakis for Kids” Used uniform drive

Labor Day No school

Grandparents’ Day



Ms. Lindsey is ready  
for a new year!  
Let’s find a reason to  
read more this year!!!

### Sigel Stallions are SAFE

Vision: St. Louis Public Schools is the district of choice for families in the St. Louis region that provides a world-class education and is nationally recognized as a leader in student achievement and teacher quality

Mission: We will provide a quality education for all students and enable them to realize their full intellectual potential.



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Dr. Kelvin Adams, Superintendent

### Sigel Stallions are Responsible

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### Sigel Stallions are Respectful

#### SIGEL SCHOOL MISSION & VISION

MISSION: In partnership with parents and communities, our mission is to create a climate that supports diversity, academic excellence, responsibility, cooperation, respect, and safety which will meet the individual needs of all students.

VISION: Sigel Elementary School will provide an excellent education, demand maximum performance, and promote well-prepared students.

We will provide a quality education for all students and enable them to realize their full intellectual potential.