

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

## A WELCOME MESSAGE

- Welcome to a new school year and our class. I am excited to begin a new year. Being back in the building together as a class family is exciting. This year we will integrate technology, but also return to using some of our traditional teaching methods to help students. I will use what we learned last year with what we already know about children and learning to help your child to grow this year.

## A BIT ABOUT MRS. SWENSON

I have been teaching for 27 years now, all in TUSD. Although I love teaching all the subjects, math and reading are my favorite. I have lived in Tucson most of my life. I have a wonderfully close family that often spends a great deal of time together. My husband and I have three great kids ranging from 18 to 12 years old. We have three dogs, a Goldendoodle and two German Shepherds. We love to camp, go for walks, ride bikes, play video games and spend time together. I am sure you will hear an occasional story about our journeys together throughout the year.

## EXPECTATIONS

- Treat others respectfully.
- Learn that mistakes are good for learning
- Try your best always

## LEARNING PLANS FOR THE YEAR

I love to share my desire for learning with children. I plan to infuse this year's lessons with many fun, interactive activities. Learning is fun and what we do in the classroom should be as well. We will complete work on paper and using computers. Our work will be in small groups and as a whole class. We will learn the standards and good study skills as well as working on growth mindset and mindfulness. It is going to be a wonderful year.



## CONTACTING MRS. SWENSON

- I enjoy staying in contact with parents. After all, if we aren't talking then a major part of your child's education is missing. My email address is [Kristina.swenson@tusdl.org](mailto:Kristina.swenson@tusdl.org). I try diligently to return emails before I leave for the day, if not before the start of the next day. Another way to contact me is through Class Dojo. I post my weekly newsletters there, as well as sending them to you through email. We can also message each other through the ap

## HELPFUL SUPPLIES

- If you would like to purchase school supplies for your child, I have included a list of things that would help them or the class throughout the year. Please don't think students need these supplies on the first day. I have some of these supplies as the school for students but know as both a parent and a teacher this time of the year is the only time you can find Crayola Crayons for 50 cents. I leave it up to you what you decide to purchase. I know we will be working with computers, but I am unsure when each child will be assigned their computer or what the policies for those computers will be. Once I know I will let you know.



Pencils, a pencil box, a pencil sharpener that holds shavings



Reusable Water Bottle



2-3 notebooks



Sanitizer Wipes



Glue Sticks



Art supplies your child may like, I have crayons for everyone.



## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

I am really looking forward to meeting with each of you and getting to know your child and your family.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Swenson