

# Welcome to 2nd Grade! Meet the 2nd Grade Team



**Miss Quisenberry**

I graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education/Language Arts. Currently, I am back at Grand Valley working on a Master's in Special Education with an emphasis in Learning Disabilities. I have been teaching at Knapp since 2008, first as a Writing Workshop Paraprofessional, then as a 2nd grade teacher. I grew up in Lansing, Michigan and travel back often to spend time with my family. I enjoy reading, baking, camping, going to MSU sports events (GO GREEN), and I love to travel. I am looking forward to another year at Knapp and cannot wait to hear all about your summer!



**Mrs. VanDyke**

I graduated from Cornerstone University with my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. Soon after, I earned my Master's in Reading from Western Michigan University. This coming school year will be my seventeenth year teaching at Knapp. I enjoy working with my second grade teammates. We have fun planning activities and lessons for our students. I also enjoy the students because they make me smile every day. I love to watch them learn and grow. I will be celebrating my 15th anniversary with my husband Tim this summer. Our son, Isaac, will also be celebrating his 11th birthday in June! Our daughter, Charlotte, will be turning four in November. I enjoy reading, being outside, jogging, photography, spending time with my family, and watching sports. (GO GREEN!)



**Mrs. VanStensel**

I graduated from Calvin College with a degree in education and minors in math and language arts. I had the wonderful opportunity to start off at Knapp as a long term sub in the spring of 2009. From there, I taught sixth grade language arts and math for five years and this will be my fifth year teaching second grade. I love it and can't wait for another great year!

I have been married to my high school sweetheart for over nine years and we have been blessed with four children. Henry is 7 years old and will be entering 2nd grade. Harrison will turn 5 in August and is ready for Young 5's in the fall. Our twins turned 1 this past April and their names are Winston and Finley. So much of our time as a family is spent outside camping, playing on the beach and wandering through the woods. I hope you each get a chance to enjoy every ounce of summer. I look forward to getting to know and teach your child next year!





# 2nd Grade "Highlights"

In 2nd grade, you will enjoy learning about landforms, pioneers, the scientific method, plants, and so much more. You will enjoy a Polar Express day, dressing up for the 100th day of school and field trips such as the apple orchard and Camp Roger.

## Exciting Opportunities

With school of choice, parents have an opportunity to choose a school for their child. With that in mind, parents have to look at many different aspects of a school and decide which would be the best fit for their child and allow their child to develop academically.

Knapp Academy has the best of both of these: a perfect fit for any child and exceptional academics. Knapp teachers greet students at their doors with a warm welcome and handshake making students feel appreciated and cared for as soon as they enter the classroom. With that mindset, students feel more comfortable to express themselves and try their best in class. Students also participate in activities where they get to know each other, respect differences, and learn from each other's strengths.

## A Standard of Excellence

Our Second Grade team is very focused on making sure your child meets all of their educational objectives. We take pride in giving every student the best educational experience and we do this by teaching the students at their individual level.

We work closely with one another to make sure that we are sharing our strengths and weaknesses as a team. We meet weekly to plan strategies and resources that will best meet the state objectives as well as the needs of our students.

## Supply List:

Pencils  
Headphones – cover the ear headphones – any brand (not ear buds) Each student will use their own.  
Cap Erasers  
Crayons  
Glue Sticks  
Scissors  
2 single subject notebooks (wide-ruled)  
Pencil box  
2 two pocket folders (This is not for homework or Friday folder items. Those will be provided by the teacher)  
2 boxes of Kleenex  
1 ream of 8 ½ x 11 copy paper  
For Spanish Class – 1 two pocket folder  
Tennis shoes for Gym – you may keep a pair at school  
Optional Supplies: plastic spoons or forks, sturdy paper plates, paper towel, antibacterial wipes, ziplock sandwich bags, hand sanitizer

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