



Dear 2D Families,

Welcome to grade 2 at Nose Creek Elementary, I am excited to get to know you and your child this year. My full name is Ms. Susan Dezensgoski, but the kids call me Ms. Dez and everyone else calls me Dez. I have been teaching since 1994 as a graduate of the University of Calgary, and have taught grade two for many years. My desire to teach came from many years of volunteering with Calgary Special Olympics. My educational background is in special education and music, in addition to a focus on elementary education. This is my seventh year at NCE.

I believe in lifelong, meaningful learning, and that collaboration and communication between home and school are essential for quality education. I also believe that every child can learn, and that by knowing their target, and given the right support and opportunities, they will meet their goals. By using real life situations, integration across the curriculum, and inquiry-based learning, I hope to provide your child with the skills and knowledge to be successful in grade two and beyond. Having said that, I will try to make your child's educational experience as relevant to their life and future as possible. I hope to instill in your child a love for learning and reading. Additionally, I look forward to the lessons that your child will teach me, to help me become a better teacher.

You will often hear me talk about making good choices and one of 2D's mottos is "Be the person you can be most proud of." I focus a great deal on character development by promoting The 3R's: Respect for self, Respect for others & the earth, and Responsibility for all your actions. My aim is to create a classroom atmosphere where students feel confident and comfortable to learn and try new things.

Please feel free to contact me in person, through the agenda, via email or by phone if you have any questions, comments or information for me. Also, visit our 2D page on the school website frequently for specific information about 2D's routines, schedules and programs, as the following and further information will be posted and updated throughout the school year. I look forward to working together, as a team, to ensure that the power of education helps your child reach their highest potential.

Yours in education,

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