

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Welcome to Community 2001!

We are very excited to have you as a part of our community! It was wonderful meeting all of our new friends today during Transition Day. We are looking forward to a great year in 2023/2024!

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you, our new families. My name is Sarah Fullen. This will be my 17th year as a teacher at Sands. I received my Master's in Montessori Education at Xavier University in the spring of 2007 and joined Sands that same spring. I feel lucky every year to teach at Sands Montessori!

I am a mom to an 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ year old named Eli. He, his dad, our new puppy Bear, and I enjoy visiting museums, hiking, camping, playing and watching baseball, and biking together as a family. He is a proud Sands Montessori student. He has been at Sands since his first year of preschool and will be entering 6th grade in the fall as a Sands Leader.

Our community is one of peace, support, and encouragement. We work hard to foster the success of each student and expect the students to do the same for one another. Community 2001 strives to follow the Sands school-wide expectations: Care for Self, Care for Environment, and Be Kind to Others, every day. We view our community as a mini-family within the wider, overall Sands family. We begin each year by creating a Community Promise that we all follow. My overarching goal is to help your child to become a contributing and responsible member of the greater community.

I have attached a classroom supply list and an interest inventory so that I may get to know each child better. Please return the Interest Inventory during the first week of school. I have also included some ideas for things your child can work on over the summer. I will be sending another supply list along with a letter in August via email as we approach the start of the school year. **Please send me an email within the next couple of weeks so that I have yours to add to our class list.** In an effort to be 'green,' I send most of my correspondence through email. If you do not have access to email, please let the office know.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me by email over the summer.

Peace,

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