



Roadrunner Elementary School

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Dear Roadrunner family,

I am excited to share that you and your 1st grade student are going to be part of an amazing opportunity through Arizona State University (ASU) and the Washington Elementary School District. Your child will be working with three talented educators, including two current Roadrunner teachers who will serve as mentor teachers/coaches to four classrooms and an ASU teacher candidate who will be your child's classroom teacher. The lead teachers, Mrs. Marhenke and Ms. Ford, were carefully selected for this position based upon their experience, success with students, and ability to mentor other teachers. All ASU teacher candidates have been interviewed and carefully selected for this particular position. They have experience working with children, and the appropriate background checks have been completed.

Mrs. Marhenke, Ms. Ford and the ASU teacher candidate will work together to plan the lessons and implement the instruction in the classrooms. This teaching arrangement will allow Mrs. Marhenke and Ms. Ford to mentor the ASU teacher candidate and provide additional support and resources to effectively meet children's individual needs. Rest assured that every lesson will be 100% purposeful and based upon the children's needs and grade level expectations. Mrs. Marhenke, Ms. Ford and the ASU teacher candidate will communicate daily in order to provide the best learning experience for the 1st grade students. This design is a unique, amazing and innovative opportunity designed to support new teacher candidates and create learning environments with multiple educators to support student learning.

We invite you to join us at Roadrunner on Wednesday, July 31st at 5:00 p.m. We will introduce our team that will be supporting this model in and out of the classroom, share more information and answer your questions. You will also be able to meet your child's teacher and visit the classroom.

Warmly,

Paula McWhirter

Principal

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