

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Amanda Buffalow and I am going to be your students' Kindergarten teacher. This is my first year as a teacher so this is going to be a very exciting year for all of us. I am very eager to meet all of you and your students.

I have worked in the education field in some capacity for the last 11 years. For the last two years I have worked as an Interventionist giving help to students who were struggling with Reading and Math. I believe that this helps to give me insight as to how to best help students who are struggling in these areas.

I look forward to getting to know your students both academically and socially. I am truly dedicated to the education of your student. I would like invite you to call and visit me. It is very important that we, together, are very active in your child's learning.

I would appreciate it if you would also communicate to me any time your child has a problem be it academic, social, or emotional. I will also be making phone calls home just to introduce myself within the first week of school. You can contact me any time at **816-418-1750** or **816-305-5760** or email me at abuffalo@kcpublicschools.org.

This year you will be able to track your students' behavior during the year by going to www.classdojo.com. In the first week I will have set up a log in for you and it will send you weekly progress reports. Please fill out the attached form so that I know how and when I/your child can contact you. You can also go to www.missbuffalow.weebly.com to see what we are learning, websites that your students can use for enrichment, newsletters, educational/fun videos, homework assignments, and pictures from our year. Your students may also be assigned homework online this year as we make a switch toward the 1:1 initiative.

I will be making a snack schedule and we will plan on having snack once or twice a week please make sure that these snacks are healthy snacks. Students will also be allowed to have a water bottle in the classroom with water in it. No juice or soda will be allowed. The calendar will also include the "Star Student of the Week". You will be sent home a page your student will complete to be hung on the bulletin board. Feel free to include photographs as well. They will be returned once the week is over in preparation for the next "Star Student". This calendar, homework assignments, newsletters, email information and other links will also be included on the website. We will not start the instruction that is on the site until the second or third week of school to give students enough time to adjust and learn the expectations around school. Please check the website frequently as updates will be made weekly.

I truly consider it an honor and privilege to be your child's teacher this year and look forward to talking with each of you soon.

Sincerely,
♥Miss Buffalow♥