Mrs. Koulouris

Welcome to Second Grade! It is a place where your child will be carefully and individually nurtured. It’s a place where your child will feel free and safe to begin to grow into the best he/she can be.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know a little about myself and a little about my classroom procedures:

My name is Susy Koulouris. This is my 15th year teaching at Brodnicki School. I taught Kindergarten for 7 years and am now starting my 8th year teaching Second Grade. I am a graduate of Governor’s State University. I may know many of you already because I am a long-time resident of this area and this school district. I live in the Hickory Hills with my husband, David, three children, my dog named Luke, a snake named Felix and 2 tortoises, Jack and Diane.

Ana is a graduate of Benedictine University, with a Writing/Publishing degree; Jacob is a graduate of VanderCook College of Music; and Noah is a freshman at Argo High School. I can’t wait for this year to start and meet you and your family.

I am looking forward to working with your child this year and helping him/her achieve his/her full potential. Through the remainder of this letter I will share some of my beliefs, procedures, and schedules. Please contact me if you have a question or concern. My email address is [skoulouris@isd109.org](mailto:skoulouris@isd109.org) or call me at 708-496-8716.

Mrs. Kumar

Hi! My name is Mrs. Shanthi Kumar. I moved from India in 1997 and have been working in the ISD 109 since October of 1997. I have a Bachelor’s degree in English, Psychology and Economics and a Post-graduate degree in Journalism from India. I also have a Master’s Degree (M.Ed) in Instructional Leadership from the University of Illinois in Chicago.

I worked as a journalist in India but after moving to the US, I switched careers and became a teacher. I love working with kids! I have been in the district for 19 years and as an ELL teacher for 13 years. This is my fourth year in Brodnicki. This year for the first time, ELL teachers have been co-teaching with the classroom teachers. We have been pushing-in rather than pulling-out the students for most of the grades.

I have been pushing into Mrs. Koulouris’ room for an hour every day in the afternoon. We have been planning and co-teaching different Units in reading. It has been a very interesting, collaborative and fun experience for us the teachers and the students. On some days, I do see my ELL students for small group instruction, where we work on specific skills. It has been a wonderful year teaching with Mrs. Koulouris and I hope she and I will continue to be partners in crime next year too!

Dear parent/guardian

My name is Brenna Chambers and I am a student at National Louis University in Chicago, Illinois. I am completing my Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood Education and I will be student teaching in your child’s 2nd grade classroom for the remainder of the school year. I will be working alongside Ms. Koulouris and following the curriculum for the district. I received my Associates in Science in 2009 from Moraine Valley Community College, where I also began my education in childcare. I am currently a resident in Bridgeview and have been for about 13 years, with my two dogs Mollie and Lacie and my 99 year old grandma Eleanor. I previously worked at Player School and Lyle as a paraprofessional in the preschool classrooms from 2011-2015, so I am familiar with the district. I am looking forward to working with your child as I complete my education.

Attached is a permission slip for your child to be video recorded during a few of the lessons that I will be teaching in the classroom. Please sign and return to school. If there are any questions please feel free to contact me at

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Thank you,

Brenna Chambers