

HEARST ELEMENTARY

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# Mrs. GASSERT'S *Class*

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*Welcome*

*I am so happy that I have the opportunity to teach your sons and daughters this year! Thank you for entrusting them to me. I look forward to working together as partners in your child's education.*

Mrs. Gassert



## ✧ Reach for the STARS ✧

*Welcome everyone to the 2011- 2012 school year at Hearst Elementary. An even bigger welcome to my fantastic third grade class! I hope you are all ready for a fun and educational school year.*

### MEET MRS. GASSERT

I am originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, and grew up in Portland, Oregon. I came to Washington, DC in 2002 to attend college at The Catholic University of America. There I majored in Psychology with an emphasis in child development.

After graduating from Catholic University I accepted a position as a Federal Contracts Consultant for a firm in downtown Washington, DC. Although I loved my job, I missed working with children.

In 2009 I entered into an Masters of Elementary Education program at the University of Maryland. I taught second grade in a school outside of Baltimore. There I taught both the second and third grade standards for math and reading. This past year I



taught fifth grade at Hearst Elementary. I am very happy to now be joining the third grade team!

When outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my husband and dog!

# Our schedule



- 8:40 Students line up on blacktop
- 8:50 Tardy Bell rings
- 9:15 Language Arts
- 11:15 Math
- 12:00 Recess
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 D.E.A.R.
- 1:30 Math Continued
- 2:00 Science / Social Studies
- 3:15 Dismissal

## Specials:

Tuesday	Fillmore	12:15
Wednesday	P.E.	2:00
Thursday	Library	2:00

## SAVE THE DATE!

**SEPT 5**  
Labor Day  
No School

**SEPT 6**  
Back to School  
Night  
(6 pm)

**OCT 10**  
Columbus Day  
No School

## MY TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

- The classroom is a caring community of active learners.
- Instruction will be developmentally appropriate to meet the needs of each child.
- Education is a partnership between the teacher, student, and family.

## GOALS FOR THE YEAR

- Our community will focus on teamwork ensuring that students support and encourage one another.
- Each student will be challenged to learn new things in all areas of school.
- Students will focus on meaningful writing.
- Children will learn new skills to help take the CAS assessment.
- We will take academic risks and have fun!

## HOW CAN PARENTS BE INVOLVED

You are your child's first teacher. There are many things you can do to support your child this year:

- Read books with your children each day.
- Encourage your child to do extra reading and writing.
- Establish and maintain a homework routine.
- Allow students to get a good night rest.
- Feed your child a healthy breakfast.
- Help your child be on time for school!
- Ask your child questions about what they are learning.