Welcome to Ms. Tera's Curriculum Night
When I’m not teaching…

• I love to travel (Colorado is my favorite place).
• I love to read and belong to a book club.
• I spend a lot of time with my boyfriend, family (my mom and stepdad), and friends.
• I have 1 dog and 3 cats.
• I like to walk for exercise.
• I enjoy watching television (especially reality shows) and movies.
• I enjoy watching college football. Go Cornhuskers!!
• Did I mention I’m from Nebraska?
My Background

- University of Nebraska-Kearney- Bachelor of Art in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Special Education (certified in ASD, EI, CI, LD)
- Taught in Houston for 5 ½ years in an ASD classroom.
- Starting my 13th year at Arrowwood.
Important Times

• Students arrive at 7:30
• Lunch at 10:40 (4th grade) 11:25 (5th grade) 12:10 (3rd grade)
• Adapted PE at 1:50
• Students are dismissed at 2:25
Snack Time

• Students can pack a healthy snack to eat during the school day.
My Teaching Philosophy

All children are individuals and learn at their own rate. Being attentive to their individual needs is important to ensure their own personal success in my classroom.
Arrowwood PRIDE

• Positive attitude
• Respect each other
• Individual responsibility
• Demonstrate safety
• Excellence
Child/Parent Responsibilities

• Help your child strive towards independence (getting ready for school, etc.)

• Fill in and return the daily communication sheets each morning to foster your child’s communication with peers and staff about the previous night.
Reading Curriculum

- Edmark
- Reading Milestones
- Reading Mastery
- DRA
- Reading Streets
- Fluency
- Sight words
Math Curriculum

• Touch Math
• Singapore Math (Math in Focus)
• Money skills
• Functional/Remedial Math lessons using ixl on iPad
Writing Curriculum

- Writing sentences about a picture
- Writing paragraphs about a topic or picture
- Writing stories with a flip book
- Writing stories with a prompt
- Writing rules (mechanics and conventions)
Science/Social Studies Curriculum

- https://www.n2y.com/news2you/
Other classroom websites

- http://xtramath.org/
- http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/

NEW CLASSROOM CURRICULUM: UNIQUE LEARNING SYSTEM
Other classroom supports

- Ms. Kelly L and Ms. Kelly E (classroom instructional assistants)
- Ms. Kristi Strzelecki (speech therapist)
- Ms. Katrina Kauffold (social worker)
- Ms. Megan Whelton (occupational therapist)
- Ms. Nikki Rethman (adapted PE teacher)
KNOTS program

- Kids Need Opportunities To Socialize is a district wide peer support program.
- Each grade level is given a presentation about the KNOTS program and about various special needs.
- Each child with special needs is given 2 (or more) peer mentors to help them during various parts of the school day.
- Staff train mentors on a monthly basis or as needed for further training or to discuss specific issues with mentors as they arise.
My Mission for your Child

To have each child become the most independent person he or she can be.

To have each child communicate to the best of his or her ability.

To have each child socialize appropriately with peers throughout his or her school day.
Thank You for coming this evening
Let's Have a Great Year Together!