

Greetings, Parents and Caregivers!

Welcome to the new SC 12-1-1 program! If you're receiving this, it's because your student is in either all four of our SC core classes or some of them. New York Special Education defines Special Class as a class consisting of students with similar needs (from grades 6-8), a special education teacher, and a Teaching Assistant. The smaller nature of the class allows for more individualized instruction to meet students' needs. We will often refer to our Special Class as "Small Class."



Meet Your Teachers:



Hi! I'm Monica Sherman. I've been a Special Education teacher for 16 years. I taught most of my career in the Ithaca City School District but am glad to have been part of the Lion Pride for the last few years. My husband and I live right in Dryden on our family farm with our four children, three cats, four horses, two tortoises and many rabbits. Although I grew up downstate, I love the farm life! My interests include good food and just about any activity outside. Horseback riding is my favorite pastime along with running, cycling, camping, fishing, attending community/church events...I clearly have many interests! I'm excited to pull from my many interests to better connect with and educate our students.

Hello! I'm Sarah Sanford. This is my second year being a Teaching Assistant and my second year doing so at Dryden Middle School. My spouse and I live right in the village. We have a housefull of 4 children, 4 cats, and a dog! I enjoy crocheting, origami, playing card and board games. I am excited to work with your student in our classroom this year!



What To Expect:

Regardless of the class or classes your student has with us, you can expect an enriching environment that sees to your child's learning strengths and needs and open communication. I also serve as your student's case manager, so bring to us IEP or program questions and concerns concerning any class. Based on your student's schedule, read the class info below. Please understand that the progression, repetition or order of the listed unit topics are subject to change based on the ever changing needs of our students and circumstances as we build this new program.

SC MATH

Curriculum Topics: Coordinate planes; positive and negative numbers; Fact Building; Number Sense; Ratios and Unit Rates; Expressions and Equations; PEMDAS; Fractions and Decimals; Geometry and The Measuring of Angles; Perimeter, Area, and Volume; Statistics (Mean, Median, Mode and Range); Review

SC ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Curriculum Topics: "Your Names and Brains" Expository Paragraph Writing; Non-fiction text skills; "Grammar Bootcamp"; Short Stories; Narrative Writing Skills with NaNoWriMo; Word Work; "Show Me the Evidence"; Persuasive Writing; Poetry/figurative Language; Research project

SC SCIENCE

Curriculum Topics: Metric Bootcamp; Cells and Systems (How does your body heal?); Metabolic Reactions (How do things inside bodies work together to make us feel the way we do?); Matter, Cycling and Photosynthesis (Where does food come from, and where does it go next?); Genetics (Why are living things different from one another?); Review

SC SOCIAL STUDIES

Curriculum Topics: Class Constitution; Geography ("Where in the world?); SS Word Work (Civics/Economics/Geography/Politics); Civil War; Reconstruction; Changing Societies; "All the -ations"; Expansionism and Imperialism; Roaring 20's; WWI; The Great Depression; WWII; "How do we make change?"

Supplies

Your student should bring the following each day to be prepared for class:

- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ 2 durable pocket folders (one set for each subject the student is in SC)
- ☐ Charged Chromebook
- ☐ Good attitude

Suggested supplies to be shared with the class:

- ☐ Boxes of tissues
- ☐ Package of dry erase markers
- ☐ Sharpened pencils
- ☐ Post-its

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Thank you for supporting your child's education. We're excited to build the SC program and to work with you and your student!