

# Welcome to Mrs. Meehan's 21st Century Classroom!

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Hello families!

Welcome to Kindergarten! I am ecstatic to have your child as part of our classroom family this year. We will have a blast. When you walk into our classroom, you will notice something different. Our classroom is unlike a regular classroom, although it is as decorated, bright, fun and inviting, it is actually a 21st century classroom. This classroom has one specific item missing—your child's desk.

I had been researching alternative/21st century classrooms and was fully funded through a donors choose project.

Research shows that alternative seating, mobility and choice for students that foster different learning styles equates to success! In our classroom you will find plenty of flat surfaces (tables), but no assigned seats. Regular student chairs are available, but stability balls, large pillows, bean bag chairs, the floor and even an exercise bike are also options. Your child will have their very own clipboard and white board in addition to community supplies within each learning area.

## WHY the alternative seating/move towards 21st century classrooms?

- Helps students attention spans which results in higher achievement
- Makes students more actively engaged in the classroom
- Gives students an active outlet without disrupting their learning
- Makes students more physically fit
- Motivates students to want to come to school
- Helps those with ADHD, ADD, and other special needs
- Helps develop a sense of community among the students which improves social skills
- Helps students become more independent learners
- Helps students become critical thinkers and fosters collaboration
- Is LOVED by students and teachers, all over the world

With all this in mind, I would like to formally welcome you to our 21st-century classroom. In our classroom, your child's learning and success will be my priority. They will learn through collaboration, hands-on activities, and choice. They will be empowered and have ownership over their own learning. They will be 21st-century learners. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Melissa.Meehan@capecharterschools.org](mailto:Melissa.Meehan@capecharterschools.org). I am looking forward to a wonderful year. See you in August!

*Mrs. Melissa Meehan*