Dear Second Grade Parents:

I am so excited and honored to welcome your child into our second - grade classroom! I am very excited to begin another new school year and to be in second grade with such a wonderful group of children and teachers.

I believe it is essential that parents and teacher take a team approach in a child's education. Working closely together and having open lines of communication are important in navigating a successful year of academic, emotional, and social growth. Please know that my door is always open, and I am just an e-mail or phone call away. (mkessler@cbsd.org or 267-893-4250)

One of the key components in grade two is developing a strong reader. Fluent reading unlocks the door to learning across the curriculum. On that note, many children "slip backwards" during the summer months due to inactivity. I encourage you to give your child a distinct advantage this fall by overseeing regular reading. Reading can be anything, not just a book; magazine, map, poetry, newspaper, etc. Becoming a "life-long reader" begins with developing reading habits early in life. The CB website has resources for summer reading. Be sure to check it out!

Enclosed with this letter is a student supply list. I would like your child to bring the supplies with him/her by the end of the first week. I look forward to meeting you this fall at **Back-to-School Night**.

Have fun making summer memories with your child. And, be sure to find time for yourself too!

Sincerely, Mrs. Kessler

