

Hello Wonderful Families!!

I hope you are having a great day! My name is Laura Farrell and I have the honor of teaching your child this year in second grade. The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself and share some information that will make the beginning of this school year a big success. Your first small homework assignment is below, so please read to the end to make sure we are all set for a great year!!

I love teaching second grade!!! This is my 23<sup>rd</sup> year teaching and my 20<sup>th</sup> year as part of the Central Bucks School District. I received my undergraduate degree in Elementary and Early Childhood education from Millersville University. I have also earned my graduate degree in reading education and am a certified reading specialist. Before coming to the Central Bucks School District, I taught for three years in the State College, Pennsylvania area (near Penn State University). I began my career teaching Reading Recovery and have taught first and second grades since. I enjoy traveling, reading, and music, and I love spending time with my family. My 11 year old daughter is in sixth grade here in CB. Emma is excited to start the school year and I hope your child is as well. As a team, we will work together to make it the best year ever!

Here is some information that will be helpful to you as we get ready for the exciting start of second grade!

**Transportation and email communication** ~ (Your first assignment of the year. 😊) As we get closer to the start of the school year, I will be sending out this information and more through email. Please respond to my welcome email confirming your child's transportation home from school. Please include the following information in your email: **Child's first and last name and mode of transportation home** (ex. bus # \_\_\_\_, car rider, walker, or after school). If your child's transportation home varies from day to day, please include his/her schedule for the week. If you are new to the district and need access to the Parent Portal to access bus information, please call the Mill Creek main office and our wonderful staff will help you get set up! It takes some time for bus schedules to be loaded into the Parent Portal, so you might not see this information until one or two weeks before the school year begins.

Ex:

Olivia takes Bus 318 home each day.

Emma will be a car rider, picked up by Nana- Mary D'Ambrosia each day.

Vivian will go home on the Kindercare Van on Thursday and Friday.

Email: [schoolrocks@millcreek.org](mailto:schoolrocks@millcreek.org)

Periodically, I will send out information, pictures of our activities, and reminders about classroom events. If you would like to add additional email addresses to the list please include them in your message.

**Back to School Night** ~ On Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> (The second week of school!) we will have our Back to School Night meeting from 6:45-7:25 PM in our classroom (room 127). I will be reviewing the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade curriculum, my expectations for the year, and answering any questions. I hope you can attend this important meeting.

**Snacks and Water** ~ Each day we will have a short snack period to hold us over until lunch. Please send a nutritious snack and a filled water bottle for your child each day. We do not have a water fountain in our classroom. Thank you so much for your support!

**Supplies** ~ A list of back-to-school supplies can be found on the school website. We will start using these supplies during the first week of school. In addition, please send in:

- A disposable **14 oz. Ziploc circle container** to hold your child's coins (I've found that Ziploc's are the easiest for the children to open. The 14 oz. size container allows them to easily see all their coins and fits nicely in their tool kits.)
- In this container please place: **100 pennies, 10 dimes, 20 nickels, and 4 quarters.**

We will use these coins during math lessons throughout the year.

**Email** ~ The best way to reach me is through email. If you would like an additional email address added to our distribution list please let me know.

1. Email: [lfarrell@cbsd.org](mailto:lfarrell@cbsd.org)
2. Phone: 267-893-3600
3. Our classroom is Room 127 at Mill Creek!!

I am very excited to be working in such an exciting school and community! Second grade is such a special year, because the children learn and develop in so many ways from September to June. I cannot wait to guide your child through this process and support his/her development. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me at school at 267-893-3600. Enjoy your weekend! I look forward to working with you and your child. Welcome to Team Farrell!

Warm regards,  
Laura Farrell

