



Greetings Second Grade Students and Families,

I hope that you are as excited as I am about the start of the 2019 – 2020 school year! When you step through the doors of Jamison on the first day of school and make your way into our classroom, I want you to know one thing for sure...**YOU** are a very special person and together we are going to have an amazing school year. I am so happy that I was chosen to be your second-grade teacher. I can't wait to meet you and spend a year learning and growing together.

I have been teaching in Central Bucks for 15 years. Before teaching in Central Bucks, I taught in California for 8 years. When I am not in the classroom, I enjoy running, reading, and spending time with my family. Luke, my son, is now twelve years old. He just finished up sixth grade at Pine Run Elementary and is heading off to middle school! He enjoys every minute of summer since he loves to swim. He enjoys the ocean, the pool, and riding his bike at Lake Galena. His big sister Cassidy, age 22, enjoys cooking, music, and photography. Mr. VanZant, my husband, is a teacher also. He teaches fifth grade at Bridge Valley.

I simply can't wait for our second-grade adventure to begin! There are so many books I just know you will enjoy reading as a second grader. Do you love to write? There is no doubt your love of writing and your ability as a writer will grow this year. Is math your thing? Our new math program is amazing! Your understanding of numbers and problems solving skills are going to skyrocket this year (not to mention your passion for math!). In science, some of the things you will learn about are rocks, habitats, and sound. You will also learn about communities, economics, and geography in social studies. You will have so much fun learning with technology by using iPads, making PowerPoints, and becoming an expert on topics through research.

I hope that you can stop by Jamison for a "Meet and Greet" on **Wednesday, August 28th from 3:30-5:00 P.M.** During this time, you are welcome to visit our classroom and introduce yourself. You can also bring some of your school supplies if you would like and put them in your desk. You may also want to mark your calendar for our Back to School Night on **Monday, September 16th from 6:45-7:25.**

Our first day of school is **Tuesday, September 3rd.** Please remember to bring your backpack (with supplies), a healthy snack, lunch or lunch money. I would also like you to bring in an **object to share.** This object may hold a special summer memory or reflect a favorite pastime or personal interest. All objects that you bring in will be returned to you after we have time to share during the first week of school. Please be sure to ask mom or dad for permission to bring in your special object. Also, be sure that your object is something that can fit easily in your backpack.

Wishing you a wonderful summer!

See you on the first day of school!

Sincerely,
Mrs. VanZant