



Greetings Second Grade Students and Families,

I hope that you are as excited as I am about the start of the 2022 – 2023 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 18 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 is fifteen years old and will be a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at West. Cassidy is twenty-five and works in cyber security. Mr. VanZant is also a teacher. He teaches fifth grade at Bridge Valley. My family and I have been staying close to home this summer. We have been going on lots of bike rides, hikes, and paddle boarding at Lake Galena. We expanded our garden this past spring and it has kept us busy throughout the summer. We enjoyed picking and eating lots of yummy fruits and veggies from the garden! I am looking forward to hearing all about your summer!

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? 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 also have so much fun learning with technology by using iPads and becoming an expert on topics through research.

I hope that you can stop by Jamison for a Meet and Greet on **Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 P.M.** During this time, you are welcome to visit our classroom and introduce yourself. You can also bring your school supplies if you would like and put them in your desk. Our first day of school is **Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**. Our Back-to-School Night is **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:45. On your first day of school, please remember to bring your backpack (with supplies), a healthy snack, lunch or lunch money. Also, I would like you to bring in an **object to share on the first day of school**. 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*  
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