



Greetings Second Grade Students and Families,

I hope that you are as excited as I am about the start of the 2023 – 2024 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.

This is my 19<sup>th</sup> year teaching in Central Bucks and my 6<sup>th</sup> year teaching at Jamison. Before coming to Central Bucks, I taught in California for 8 years. When you add up all those years, I bet you can guess that I absolutely love to teach. I especially love to teach second grade! I just know you will love second grade too. When I am not in the classroom, I enjoy spending time reading, gardening, and running. This past May I ran my second half marathon! I also love to spend time with my family. Luke is sixteen years old and will be in 11<sup>th</sup> grade at West. Cassidy is twenty-six and has a job in cyber security. Mr. VanZant is also a teacher. He teaches third grade at Bridge Valley. We also have two crazy Bengal cats named Gigi and Totoro. This summer my family and I are heading out west to visit Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon, and the Grand Canyon. I can't wait to tell you all about it! I am looking forward to hearing all about your summer too.

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 your problem-solving skills will skyrocket in second grade (not to mention your excitement 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.

Our first day of school is **Tuesday, September 5th**. Our Back-to-School Night is **Wednesday, September 13<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,  
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