



Dear Parents,

Welcome to *Second Grade*! My name is Mrs. Cindy Ventresca and I will be your child's teacher next year. This is my 32nd year of teaching. I received my undergraduate degree from Drexel University and my Masters in Education from Arcadia University. I am also a Certified Reading Specialist.

I have mainly taught both 1st and 2nd grades in the Central Bucks School District. I started my career in Central Bucks at Gayman Elementary. After three years, I volunteered to help open Cold Spring Elementary school where I taught for six years. Next I volunteered again to open up Mill Creek Elementary School. After I completed my 12th year teaching at Mill Creek I decided that I wanted to return to the best elementary school - Gayman Elementary! This will be my seventh year back at Gayman.

I am married and have two daughters. Melissa our eldest daughter is 26 years old and Rachel who is 22 years old.

Summer Memories

The first couple of weeks of school we will be doing "get to know" you activities. It would be wonderful if your child could bring in **1 or 2 pictures** of things they did or places they went to over the summer. Please bring these the first day of school which is Tuesday, September 3rd.

Flexible Seating

This year I will be using flexible seating. A classroom with flexible seating looks different from a traditional classroom that uses only desks and chairs. Items such as pillows, wobble stools, bouncy balls, standing tables, etc. are used to allow students to have options of where they can best work and learn. The goal of flexible is to give students choice and to help them find the type of seating that allows them to achieve their best learning. Their best learning spot may change throughout the day based on their needs or the work that they're being asked to do, so students will have the option of changing spots.

Note about supplies

Each student will be given a plastic pencil box where they will keep their own personal supplies. You may label those supplies. (2 pencils, 1 glue stick, 1 box of crayons, 1 box of thin markers, and a pair of scissors). The extra supplies of glue, pencils etc. will be shared with the whole class.

We will **not** be using binders. Instead I will be supplying your child with a homework folder and an assignment book.

Supplies Needed for the 1st Day of School

- 1 box of 24 count crayons (please do not get a larger box)
- 4 large glue sticks
- 1 pair of scissors
- 10 **sharpened** pencils
- 1 box of thin markers



Supplies needed by the end of the first week

- 4 black Expo Markers
- 1 white board eraser
- 1 yellow highlighter
- A "smock" or a old shirt in a labeled Ziploc bag and Sketchbook for Art (you can reuse yours from 1st grade)
- 20 pennies, 4 quarters, 10 dimes and 10 nickels (Bring these to school in a **small plastic container labeled with your child's name**. We will be using them for Math Class.)
- Headphones in a Ziploc bag for Computer lab and iPad use in the classroom. **Please label both the bag and headphone** with your child's name. Please also make sure the headphone can plug into an iPad.

Supplies that are needed by the end of the first week

- 1 box of Ziploc **gallon** bags
- 1 box of Ziploc **sandwich** bags
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 container of Clorox disinfecting wipes
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer

Snack

Please send in a healthy snack and water/juice with your child every day.

Name Tag

Enclosed are two name tags for your child to wear on the first two days of school. Please indicate on the name tag how your child is getting home. Please write the Bus#, car rider or walker.

Student Information Letter

I am eager to know all that you might want to tell me about your child. Your information will make it easier for me to get to know your child and help me to meet your child's needs. Please complete the attached parent letter.

Open House

You and your child are invited to Gayman's Open house **Thursday, August 29th from 11:00 am - 12:00 am**. Our classroom is Room 7. I can't wait to meet you!

Back to School Night is on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:15 PM.

I enjoy teaching very much. Second grade is truly a special grade, because the children learn and grow so much from September until June. I can't wait to guide your child through this process. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at school at 267-893- 4350. You can also email me at cventresca@cbsd.org. I'm looking forward to working with you and your child this year. Enjoy the rest of your summer!
Sincerely,

Cindy Ventresca