

Dear 2nd grader,

My name is Mrs. Bartolacci, and I am so excited to be your teacher this year! This will be my 14th year teaching! In addition to teaching 2nd grade, I have taught 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades. I love teaching second grade and I am so excited to meet you and learn all about you.

I have had a very busy and fun summer! I have enjoyed slowing down and spending so much time with my two kids: Mia and Evan. Mia is nine and Evan is six. We spent a lot of time swimming at the pool and picking our favorite fruits at the farm near our house. We also spent some time with friends down the shore in LBI. Before school starts, we will take a cruise to the Caribbean with family! I cannot wait to hear about the fun you had this summer! When I am not teaching, I am reading, spending time with my friends and family, or cheering on my favorite teams: The Phillies, The Eagles, and The Penn State Nittany Lions! I am also an animal lover. I have two cats, Sammy and Leo, who you will get to hear a lot about!

In our classroom, I will promote an atmosphere of safety, trust, and respect. We will work hard to build a sense of community among each other where the ideas of teamwork and cooperation are emphasized. I believe that great things can happen when we work together! This year you will be doing a lot of activities, which involve cooperative and hands on learning.

Some of the things that you can look forward to learning next year are skills and strategies to be effective readers and writers. We will learn about rocks and minerals, sound, and some amazing habitats! Also, we will learn how to use technology as a meaningful learning tool.

I hope you enjoy your summer and are looking forward to a fun-filled second grade year! I cannot wait to hear all about your summer experiences, the wonderful books you have read, and the summer writing you have been jotting down. If you would like, send me an email before school starts and tell me a little about yourself and what you have been up to this summer! I would love to hear from you. I will see you soon!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Bartolacci

