

Hello Wonderful Families!!

I hope you are having a great day! My name is Laura Farrell and I have the honor of teaching your child this year in second grade. The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself and share some information that will make the beginning of this school year a big success.

I love teaching second grade!!! This is my twentieth year teaching and my seventeenth year as part of the Central Bucks School District. I received my undergraduate degree in Elementary and Early Childhood education from Millersville University. I have also earned my graduate degree in reading education and am a certified reading specialist. Before coming to the Central Bucks School District, I taught for three years in the State College, Pennsylvania area (near Penn State University). I began my career teaching Reading Recovery and have taught first and second grades since. I enjoy traveling, reading and music, and I love spending time with my family.

First and foremost, let me say with open arms and an open heart, I am a parent too, so being a mother during the global changes that we're in the midst of is something that we are ALL doing together as parents. My 8 year old daughter is in third grade here in CB, so it will be a family effort to adjust to school changes as they arise. Emma is excited to start the school year and I hope your child is as well. We will take the school year day by day and work together as a home family and a school family to make it the best year ever.

This new school year will be unique for everyone. So more than ever, we will need to focus on teamwork as the adults guiding our students to academic growth. I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year of learning and growing together. I feel it is essential for parents to be actively involved in their child's education. I believe that students receive the best possible education when the parents and the teacher work together as a team. I hope to establish solid teacher-parent relationships during this year because I am confident that the best way for our children to learn is by cooperating together to keep their education continued both inside the classroom walls and in the home environment.

Here is some information that will be helpful to you as we get ready for the exciting start of second grade! You can find more information on our website at:

www.cbsd.org/lfarrell

Transportation and email communication ~ (Your first assignment of the year. 😊)

Please respond to this email confirming your child's transportation home from school. Please include the following information in your email: Child's first and last name and mode of transportation home (ex. bus # ____, car rider, walker, or after school). If your child's transportation home varies from day to day, please include his/her schedule for the week. Periodically, I will send out information, pictures of our activities, and reminders about classroom events. If you would like to add additional email addresses to the list please include them in your message.

Ex:

Olivia takes Bus 318 home each day.

Emma will be a car rider, picked up by Nana- Mary D'Ambrosia each day.

Vivian will go home on the Kindercare Van on Thursday and Friday.

Email: schoolrocks@millcreek.org

CB Email and Password ~ (Your second assignment of the year. 😊)

Please email me your child's CB email and password prior to the start of school. We will use this information daily and it is needed in order to access district programs. This information should be the same as last year. You can email this to me after you pick up your CB iPad and work through the set up procedures that are outlined. An email went out recently from the district about the technology pick up and what you can do at home to prepare.

Ex:

Email: Doe.J123@student.cbsd.org

User Name: Doe.J123

Password: Word###

Back to School Night ~ On Tuesday, August 31st (The second day of school!) we will have our Back to School Night meeting from 7:00-8:00 PM. We will be reviewing the 2nd grade curriculum, my expectations for the year, and answering any questions. I hope you can attend this important meeting. I do not know if we will be meeting in person or online, but I will let you know as soon as I find out. If you are unable to attend please let me know.

Snacks and Water ~ Each day we will have a short snack period to hold us over until lunch. Please send a nutritious snack for your child each day. We do not have a water fountain in our classroom. Please send your child with a filled water bottle every day.

Supplies ~ I have attached a list of back-to-school supplies to help your second grader get ready for the year. We will start using these supplies during the first week of school.

Parent 3-2-1 paper ~ I am eager to get to know the students. Your information will make it easier for me to know your child and better able to meet his/her needs. I have attached a "Parent 3-2-1" paper. Please use this as a guide and email this 3-2-1 information back.

Email ~ The best way to reach me is through email. If you would like an additional email address added to this distribution list please let me know.

1. Email: lfarrell@cbsd.org
2. Phone: 267-893-3600
3. Our classroom is Room 127 at Mill Creek!!

I am very excited to be working in such an exciting school and community! Second grade is such a special year, because the children learn and develop in so many ways from September to June. I cannot wait to guide your child through this process and support his/her development. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me at school at 267-893-3600. Enjoy your weekend! I look forward to working with you and your child. Welcome to Team Farrell!

Warm regards,
Laura Farrell

