July 31, 2019 Room 110, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Mr. A. Snyder alsnyder@philasd.org 215-400-7660

## Dear Parents/ Guardians:

Welcome to the start of the 2019-2020 school year. I will be your child's teacher this year and am very excited about the learning opportunities and exciting projects that will take place this year. With that said, I feel that it is very important that we communicate as often as possible. I am available by email at anytime and most mornings before school starts. Class Dojo is usually the fastest way to reach me. During the instructional day, time is limited, but I will answer all communications in a timely manner and schedule a personal conference/phone call as needed.

I have been teaching in the school district for twenty-one years. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education, a Master's Equivalency in Education and have an Early Childhood Certification II from the State of Pennsylvania. As some of you may know, my roll at Lea has changed a bit over the years. Second grade is where I began my teaching career before I was requested to move into science in middle school and then back to science at the primary level. In addition to teaching, I was also the Dean of Students' for a few years under prior administrators.

The students and I will be creating a small list of classroom rules on the first day of school. Most important is mutual respect of all students and staff.

The following is a list of supplies that will be needed this school year. It would be very helpful if the children had all of these things by September 9<sup>th</sup>. All will share some of the items so that we have enough to last the entire school.

Three (3) Marble Composition Notebooks
Two (2) folders with pockets
One box of Crayons and or markers
Two packs of pencils
One school bag
One box of tissues
Two (2) glue sticks

Please remember it is important for your child to come to school, on time, each day. I want your child to maintain a positive attitude and achieve at their very best. We will enter the building at 8:30 and dismiss at 3:09. Students will be dismissed into the small schoolyard on Locust Street. They will be lining up in the morning in the large schoolyard on the 47th street side. It may also be very helpful if parents and students get a buddy from the class so as to get any work or projects that are assigned. Being absent is not an excuse for missing homework and or deadlines for projects.

I welcome any parents that would like to volunteer in the classroom. Proper clearances are needed for any trips and or classroom help.

I am really looking forward to a great school year with your child. Please remember that you can see me almost any morning and always reach me by the email or Class Dojo.

Educationally yours,

Alan Snyder Rm 110, The Henry C. Lea Elementary School