

September 3, 2019
Room 207, Grade 2
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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 wonderful projects that will take place. We have found that it is the easiest way to contact all parents in the event of an emergency is through Class Dojo. You will receive a personal login and username for your child's Dojo account. This is a fast and easy way to stay in touch with parents and keep them aware of class activities and events.

About Me

I have been teaching in the school district for 22 years and at Lea for 19 years. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Early Childhood Education and a Masters Degree in Elementary Education both from West Chester University of Pennsylvania. I hold an Elementary Education Certification II from the State of Pennsylvania. This will be my 15th year teaching 2nd grade. I spent the last 4 years teaching 3rd grade.

Communication

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. During the instructional day, time is limited, but I will answer all emails in a timely manner and schedule personal conferences as needed. The whole school is using Class Dojo for parent communication and classroom updates.

Supply List

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 16th.

- Five (5) Marble Composition Notebooks
- One pack 3 ring lined paper
- Three (3) folders with pockets
- Two boxes of crayons and/or markers
- One pair of safety scissors
- Two (2) packs of pencils
- One pencil box or large pouch
- One school bag

Two (2) boxes of tissues
Three (3) glue sticks
Three (3) dry erase markers
Two (2) one gallon zip lock bags
One old, clean sock (to be used to clean small white boards)
One bottle of hand sanitizer
One pair of earbuds in a ziplock bag with your child's name on it

Please label your child's personal property. Items like book bags, lunch boxes, coats, hats, gloves and sweaters can easily be mixed up with other student's belongings. If it is clearly labeled it is much easier to keep track of personal items.

Arrival and Dismissal

Please remember it is important for your child to come to school, on time, each day. We will enter the building at 8:30 and dismiss at 3:09. Students will be dismissed into the small yard on Locust Street. Students will be brought to the office by 3:15 if no one has come to pick them up. If your child is allowed to walk home from school alone please let me know.

Homework Policy

I give homework Monday thru Thursday and check it daily. Students are required to read for 15 minutes each night during the school week and then respond to their book in a Reader's Response Log, answering questions that are pasted in the front of their log book. Math homework will be given out as we finish each lesson in the unit.

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 at the email listed at the beginning of this page. If you have any questions please contact me.

Educationally yours,

Mrs. Palmer