

August, 2019

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to Merion and for those who are new to our school, I would like to extend a special welcome! I hope that you are enjoying the last days of summer and that you are as excited as I am to begin a new school year. I am looking forward to meeting you!

There are many things to look forward to in second grade. This year you will learn about insects, weather, simple machines, communities, Spanish, maps and globes, writers' workshop, biographies and much more!

Students, in order for you to prepare for the beginning of the school year, please think of an exciting summer experience to share with the class. Please also bring in a 4x6 or smaller recent photo of yourself to hang on our Welcome Board.

Parents, in order to facilitate our communication about classroom events, please send me an e-mail (kaufmal@lmsd.org) to be sure that you are on the class e-mail list. Please title this message "2k contact" and type your child's name in the subject line. Feel free to add in that e-mail any information that I should know about your child. If you know how your child is getting HOME from school when you get this letter (Rockland or Bowman walker, bus #, JCC, after school care at Merion, etc...) please include that information in the e-mail as well. You may also include what your child likes to be called (nickname, etc...)

Thank you in advance for your support! Together, you, your child, and I will make this an unforgettable year in second grade!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lori Kaufmann

kaufmal@lmsd.org

Recommended Supplies

- **1 2"-3 ring binder, labeled with your child's name**
- **Scotch tape (2 rolls on a dispenser)**
- **20 sharpened #2 pencils, rubber banded together**
- **1 box of magic markers**
- **1 jumbo glue stick**
- **6 bi-fold POKET folders (no fasteners)...one of each: red, yellow, blue, green, orange and black**

***Please use a permanent black marker and label each folder on the top right corner with your child's first and last name and the following information:**

Folder color:

Label:

Red

Writing

Yellow

Spelling

Blue

Reading

Green

Science/Social Studies

Orange

Espanol

Black

Math

- **1 box of tissues for the class**
- **1 roll of paper towels**
- **Head phones for computer use, labeled with your child's name**
- **1 Inexpensive flash drive (unused)**
- **A nutritious, nut free snack daily, beginning on the first day of school**
- **2 packs of 3x3" Post-it notes, any light color**

Families as Partners

Introducing... YOUR Child

I'd like to know more about your child, through your eyes. The more I know, the better I can design an educational and motivational program to fit his or her particular needs.

Please answer the questions and complete the information below. Remember, this is from *your* point of view. Please send it in with your child as soon as it's completed.

PLEASE RETURN BY 9/6/19.

Thank you!

Child's Name _____ Homeroom: _____

- List five (5) words that best describe your child's *character* (competitive, cheerful, perfectionist):

- What *motivates* your child?

- What *upsets* your child?

What are your child's out-of-school *interests* and *activities*?

– What activities do you *share*? What problems/successes do you have working/playing together?

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– How would you rate your child's study habits? (circle one)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

(awful)

(super)

What *study skills* does your child need to develop? (neatness, timeliness, organization, etc.)

- Which academic subjects are your child's best? Weakest?

- What particular academic areas would you like to see emphasized?

- What *social skills* would you like to see developed?

- Are there any *personal* or *physical problems* I should know (or conference privately) about?

- Other comments or concerns?

Parent Signature _____