



August 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is having a safe, healthy summer and enjoying their time together as a family. I am thrilled to be your child's teacher! Mrs. Bellantuono will be a special education teacher working with me as well. We are thrilled to be teaching together this year. Second grade is such an exciting experience and educational year! Mrs. Bellantuono and I look forward to meeting all of you!

We are excited to hear about your child's summer experiences. On the first day of school please have your child bring in a **favorite summer "memory"**. It might be a photograph, a shell from the beach, a postcard, or any object that reminds them of a special time during their summer vacation. It should not be a large item. Please place it in a Ziploc bag with his/her name on it. We will use them for our first small moment writing piece.

During the school year we will be using photographs, videos, and voice recordings as we work with the children. At times, pictures will be posted on our school webpage. Please [click here](#) to fill out the **student information/permission slip**.

The children are responsible for bringing their own snack to school each day. Their snack should be packed separately from their lunch. Please try to pack a healthy snack such as an apple, pretzels, etc. You should also pack a drink. The children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to keep on their desk throughout the day as well. We will be having lunch in the classroom as well.

Most parent/teacher communication will be through the app **Remind**. It is the best way to send me a quick message. In addition to sending reminders, we also send pictures and videos so you can get a sneak peek into your child's day! [Click here](#) to read the directions on how to sign up. It would be great if you can do so as soon as possible.

Our classroom theme is Hollywood, which is perfect since I am positive that our class is full of star students! Please print out this [All About Me](#) activity and have your child complete the first page in their neatest handwriting. Please have your child bring in the poster on the first day of school to share with his/her class.

Please have your child pick out a folder that he/she would like to use as their mail folder. Please write your child's name and label it "Mail Folder" on the front of the folder. They should bring it to school everyday. Your child will be responsible for placing his/her folder in the "Teacher's Mailbox" and it will be

checked every morning. Any important papers/notes should be placed in this folder.

Our class will have a Google Classroom. Please have your child join by using the code **ztwox5l**. If you need help learning how to join a Google Classroom, please [click here](#) for instructions.

Parents are such an important part of their child's education, and we look forward to working with you during the school year to ensure a successful year for your child. It would be wonderful if you can fill out this [parent questionnaire](#) that helps us get to know your child.

The supply lists are posted on our [school website](#). If you would like, you can always store extra masks in one of the smaller pockets in your child's backpack.

If you have any questions or concerns before the start of school please feel free to email me at dwells@portjeffschools.org or call me at school.

Warmest regards,

Darlene Wells and Meagan Bellantuono

Reminders:

- *Review Supply List
- *Sign-up for Remind
- *Fill out Parent Questionnaire
- *Fill out Student information/Permission slip
- *Have your child sign up for our Google Classroom.