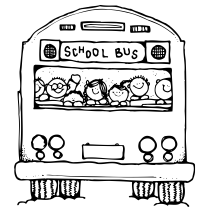


B-2 Newsletter

August 25, 2021



Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Mrs. Kelly Joseph and I am looking forward to beginning my nineteenth year of teaching as your child's second grade teacher. I received my teaching credential and Master's in Education from the University of California, Santa Barbara. I am married and have three children. I am very excited to begin this new school year as your child's teacher.

This week your child will be involved in activities to build community within the classroom. The students will also become acquainted with school and classroom rules and schedules. I will be introducing the students to daily and weekly activities that take place in our classroom.

Students will be required to wear masks in indoors but may go maskless during outdoor activities. Please help your child to pack at least one extra mask in his/her backpack as a replacement if needed. I strongly suggest the students also bring a sweatshirt/sweater/light coat to school daily as the temperature in the classroom fluctuates throughout the day. Students should also bring a self-sealing water bottle, as drinking fountains are disabled throughout the campus. Students will be provided with necessary school supplies.

Morning Drop-Off: 2nd grade students are to use the front gates to enter school. Each student will have their temperature checked before entering the school grounds. On the first day, all students will walk directly to his/her classroom. After the first day of school, the students will continue to enter through the front or side gate by the playground and will line up at our designated classroom line on the playground/blacktop. The first school bell rings at 8:05 and students should be in their classrooms by 8:10.

1:57 Dismissal– The 2nd graders will be walked out through the front gates only. Parents may wait for their child behind the red marked lines in the front of the school. **If you are picking up your child by car, DO Not signal for him/her to run/walk across the parking lot by themselves.** You can either pick them up at the pick-up curb or park your car, and walk your child back to your car. Please let your child know your plan for picking him/her up before the first day of school.

Home & Back Folder – This folder will be sent home nightly and must be returned to school each day. Each school day, your child will write a message about classroom or school-wide events. It should be signed each night indicating that the daily message was read. School correspondence will be sent home in this folder (front pocket) as needed, along with returned student work (back pocket). Please ignore the GYOR section of the communication page for now as this will be discussed at Back to School night.

Homework – Students will have a small homework assignment to complete during the first two weeks of school. You will find a 'Me Bag' in your child's folder. Please read the directions attached to the bag. The assignment is due next Friday, September 3rd.

Volunteers & Parent Information:

There are many volunteer opportunities in this classroom. Please visit this Sign-up Genius link if you are interested in volunteering.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4AABAC23A13-volunteer>

Every volunteer makes a huge difference in the classroom. All volunteers must complete a Volunteer form with a copy of your photo ID attached, as well as a 'Self Assess/Attest' document based on PVSD Covid protocols.

Back-to-School Night will be held on Monday, September 13 via video conferencing. During the live presentation classroom routines, schedules, and procedures will be discussed in full.

Please see the Tierra Linda PTA page for further information about school supplies and membership information (<https://www.tierralindapta.org/>).

Please make sure that Re-Enrollment and Annual Notice forms have been completed in Parent Connect prior to the first day of school. (To log in to Parent Connect: Go to our Pleasant Valley website at <https://www.pleasantvalleysd.org/>. The link icon for "Q Information Systems" is located under the scrolling pictures in the center. On the next screen you will see three options. Choose "Q Parent Connect" which will take you to the log in page. For directions on what to do after you log in to Parent Connect click here: <https://www.pleasantvalleysd.org/Page/9875>. You can also download the Parent Connect app and do this process from your smart phone.)

Visit the Tierra Linda website for additional information about school rules, school forms to download or print, and dates for upcoming events. I look forward to a great year as your child's teacher.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns by email me at kjoseph@pleasantvalleysd.org.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Joseph