

Dear New Second Grade Star,

 I am so excited to be your teacher this year. I can’t to meet *face to face* and *smile* to *smile*! I love teaching second grade and I have many exciting things planned for us to do together in class together.

*Math:* Since math is all around us…. you will sharpen up your mental math skills as we explore addition and subtraction strategies to get ready for MULTIPLICATION & DIVISION!!!

*Science:* You may already know that second grade science includes many interesting insects including: mealworms and butterflies. I never thought I would enjoy having insects in my class so much, but they are so interesting to watch and learn about. You may have heard rumors about how I love tarantulas… well it is true! In addition to the insects, we have a tarantula, named Nibbles.

*Social Studies:* Our class community is a very special because it is made up of unique individuals joining together for a school year. There are many community- building stories and activities to help us become a strong team.Together we will share our cultures and heritages as we learn about the many cultures around the world and how they are similar and different from our own way of life. We are also going to dive into learning more about our very own Scotch Plains- Fanwood!

*Writing*: You will write many different pieces this year including: about yourself, things you like to do, creative stories, poetry, things you are an expert on and things you want to know about. You will publish many pieces throughout the year, In fact, please have a favorite recent picture of yourself available for our first book titled, All Star Students. I treasure this book each year because I keep it to read about and remember my students throughout the years.

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Mrs. Lusk

*Reading:* Last year you learned so much about how to read BUT second graders learn how to understand what they are reading to build more knowledge in their own brains!! I think one of the best parts of second grade is reading to all of you. I especially look forward to reading my favorite chapter and picture books to you. I hope that you will enjoy meeting all of my favorite characters from the stories I love, as I read to you.

I look forward to meeting the newest group of Second Grade Stars. I know you are going to ROCK second grade. As you will soon discover… once a Second Grade Star always a Second Grade Star! Enjoy the last days of summer and get ready for the SUPER year ahead of us!

Fondly,



Mrs. Lusk