

August 28, 2013

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I am very excited to be starting a new school year! I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable and restful summer vacation! My family enjoyed a busy summer! The highlight of our summer was spending time in Las Vegas seeing the Hoover Dam, the Grand Canyon, and Lake Meade. We were also able to go behind the scenes with the penguins at the Detroit Zoo! In addition, my birthday was spent watching the Detroit Tigers play (and win!), enjoying time with my family and friends, and I trained and completed four 5K runs. (More to come this fall!) Soccer is also a huge sport in our family! After a summer full of training, both of my boys are ready to begin the fall season! My older son, Max, will begin his second year of middle school this year, while my youngest, Sam, will be a fourth grader at Rodgers. As for me, I am beginning my twentieth year teaching in Lake Shore Public Schools (all spent in second grade)!

As your child’s teacher, I would like to share a little bit with you about my teaching style and my classroom activities. I typically use a “hands-on” approach to learning and integrate subjects. I believe in building an environment where every child feels comfortable taking risks and will be supported by his peers. I know that parent/teacher communication is very important and will be sending home a weekly newsletter, which will keep you informed of classroom happenings. If you need to speak with me you can call me at (586) 285-8635 or email me at [cleszczynski@lsps.org](mailto:cleszczynski@lsps.org).

A short snack time is scheduled for the children in the morning. Please plan on sending in a healthy snack (a list of healthy snack suggestions is included in this packet, please don’t send your child in with candy for snack) with your child each day. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

If your child chooses to order hot lunch, you will need to send the money in a sealed envelope labeled: ***Lunch Money****, with your child’s name, my name and Room 106* written on it. The cafeteria will keep it “on account” for you. That way, you need not worry about lunch money on a daily basis. If you visit the district website: <http://www.lakeshoreschools.org/food-service.html> you will find information on free and reduced lunch, menus, and online payment options.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you or your child has a problem or concern. I am very excited for another fun and exciting year! Together we can make your child’s second grade year at Rodgers amazing!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cheri Leszczynski

\* Please see the attached list for the recommended school supplies. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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**Suggested 2nd Grade School Supply List**

**4** pkgs. of number 2 yellow pencils (the fancy pencils are hard to sharpen)

**4** pink hand held erasers (these are better than eraser pencil tops)

**1** pkg. of lined index cards

**1** white tube sock

**2** black dry erase markers

**1** box of crayons

**1** box of colored pencils

**2** Large/4 small glue sticks (no glue bottles, please)

**1** pair of Fiskars scissors (rounded tip)

**2** boxes of Kleenex

**1** pencil box or pencil case (large enough to hold crayons, scissors, pencils, erasers, etc.)

**1** backpack (needs to fit in locker – roller backpacks do not fit)

**2** pump bottles of anti-bacterial soap

**1** plastic water bottle with a closable top - (optional)

**4** spiral WIDE RULED 70 page notebooks (red, blue, green, yellow). **These notebooks are for daily writing journals/assignments so they are very important.**

**1** Container Disinfection Wipes (for cleaning)

Ziploc baggies – sandwich size (girls only)

Ziploc baggies – gallon size (boys only)

A set of addition and subtraction math flash cards

**Please label these items with your child’s name.** Thank you again for your generosity and cooperation.