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Dear Parents,

My name is Jenna Hoffsmith and I am so very excited to be one of your child's Second Grade teachers. I cannot believe that the summer has gone by so quickly and that it is almost the beginning of a new school year.

This is my second year teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Blue Ball Elementary so it is a special year of "seconds" for me! I earned my Undergraduate degree in both Early Childhood Education and Special Education from Millersville University. During my Undergraduate degree, I completed my student teaching at Blue Ball with one of them being in Kindergarten. Therefore, I know many familiar faces in the upcoming second graders and many of them may remember me as Miss Bucklew, which was my maiden name!

I know there are many last-minute things you may be trying to squeeze into your summer before the school year starts, but I wanted to invite you to the **Blue Ball Elementary Back-to-School Night**. This special time allows for your child to become familiar with the classroom and it serves as a way to get to know more about 2<sup>nd</sup> grade! **On August 20<sup>th</sup>, I will be having an "Open Classroom" time from 6 PM until 7 PM in Room 125**, in which you can walk around the room, locate your child's cubby and work area, and meet other classmates. **At 6:15 PM, I will do a short presentation about 2<sup>nd</sup> grade** as well as show you some online tools that will help you and your student throughout the year.

As you prepare for the first day of school, your child will need to bring **lunch money, a backpack, and a plastic pencil box** with their first and last name written on it. I will be supplying them with the other school materials that they may need throughout the year.

If you would like to purchase one of the following items for our classroom, it would be greatly appreciated; box of tissues, Clorox wipes, gallon-sized zip-lock bags, and plastic cups.

If you have any questions as school begins to start, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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