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Welcome Back to School!

Miss Humphrey's Second Grade Gazette

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Megan Humphrey and I will be your child's teacher this year. I am very excited to work with you and your child this school year. I'd like to take this time to introduce myself and share some information with you as we prepare for the school year.

Getting to Know Miss Humphrey

This is my second year teaching at New Holland Elementary. Last year I taught first grade, so many of us are lucky enough to already know each other! I have a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Special Education from Kutztown University. After graduating college I taught 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 year olds at a preschool before beginning to substitute teach for North Penn School District. I then taught kindergarten through third grade and special education in a rural village in Alaska. I just began working on my master's degree through Wilkes University. When I'm not teaching I love spending time with my family and my golden retriever, Piper. I am looking forward to a fun and exciting year in second grade!

School Supplies

Your child does not need to bring any school supplies this year. Anything they will need will be provided by the school.

<u>Snack</u>

I have set aside a time each morning for snack in our classroom. Please send a healthy snack along with your child each day. They will be eating snack in their language arts classroom, so please send their snack in something disposable if possible. Also, please refrain from sending in snacks that need to be kept cold in their lunchbox since they will not be able to take their lunchbox to the other classroom with them. Some healthy snack ideas include pretzels, animal crackers, granola bars, cereal, goldfish, crackers, teddy grahams, etc. Please do not send in candy or sugary snacks. We will save those treats for special occasions. Snacks requiring a utensil have been a distraction in the past, so please only send finger foods. We wash our hands before snack each day. We have a PEANUT-FREE CLASSROOM, so please do not send any snacks that contain peanuts or nuts. Each classroom has a water fountain so water

Each classroom has a water fountain so water bottles may be packed for lunch, but will not be allowed at your child's desk.

Earbuds and Headphones

The school district is encouraging families to send earbuds and headphones from home, if possible, to be used with your child's Chromebook. Community headphones will be available if needed. If you have a spare pair of earbuds or headphones at home, please send them in with your child. This way they can have their own personal set and we can limit the spread of germs.

Child Information

Please visit the following link to fill out a questionnaire about your child and contact information for me to keep on file:

http://goo.gl/forms/Al549AFbf9

Web Page

Our class web page is up and running! Visit our web page for important information and to stay up to date with the fun things happening in our classroom! It is a work in progress, so check back for added information.

http://blog.elanco.org/mhumphrey

Birthdays

You may send in baked good for your child's birthday. We do not have any food allergies in our class. Please send enough for 20 students. Birthday treats will be handed out in homeroom. Your child may then distribute extra treats to teachers around the school with a friend. Birthday invitations may not be handed out at school.

Important Dates

August 26th: Picture Day

September 4th & 7th: No School September 8th: Back to School Night September 16th: Early Dismissal I am looking forward to meeting all of you very soon if I have not already! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by email at megan_humphrey@elanco.org or by phone at (717) 354-1520, ext. 4112.

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Sincerely,

Miss Megan Humphrey