# August 29th, 2018

Dear Students,

Welcome to second grade! We hope you and your family are enjoying these last few days of summer and are looking forward to a fun and exciting school year. We wanted to take this time to introduce ourselves before the first day of school, which is Thursday, September 6th.

My name is Mrs. Greenberg and I am so excited to be teaching all of you this year! This is my ninth year at Godwin School, but I have been a teacher since 2001, long before all of you were born! Through the years, I have taught almost every grade, but second grade has always been my favorite. It is such a fun year!

I hope that all of you had a nice and relaxing summer vacation. I was very busy with my family, which includes my husband Dan and our two sons, Mason and Cooper. Mason is eight years old and he is going into 3rd grade just like all of you! Cooper is five years old and he will be starting kindergarten. You’ll probably be hearing lots of stories about them throughout the year. You’ll also be hearing about our dog, Mookie. He is a 75 pound golden doodle who basically looks like a big stuffed animal.

This summer I was very busy traveling and spending time with my family. We went to Hershey Park for a few days, where my kids loved going on crazy roller coasters and eating as much chocolate as possible. We also spent a week in the Outer Banks, which is an island off the coast of North Carolina. We stayed in a huge house with six other families. Altogether, there were 15 kids. As you can imagine, it was a little crazy!

When we were not away, we spent the hot days at the Ramsey Pool, where Mason and Cooper love jumping off the diving board and going down the water slides. It was a really fun summer, but I’m excited to get back to school, meet all of you, and find out how you spent your summer vacations!

Hi, my name is Mrs. Holmes. Some of you might know that my name used to be Miss Welch. I got married last April, so now I have a new name. I am so happy to have you in our class this year! This is my sixth year at Godwin School teaching second grade. I also taught fifth grade at Highland School for one year. Last year was so much fun and I know that this year will be great also.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to learn in second grade! I had a very busy summer this year. Ever since I was a little girl, I have been going to Maine. My grandparents live on a small lake called Kennebago Lake. My whole extended family comes up for the month of July. We do not have any electricity in our cabins, which means no TV, cell phones, or any other electronics! It might sound scary to you but I love it. It is the perfect time to find a good book and spend time with the people you love. Of course, I also bring my dog with me, his name is Wookie. He is a little Pomeranian who looks like a puff ball of fur!

I was lucky enough to also travel to Ireland and Scotland with my husband, Devin. We had to take a plane ride across the Atlantic Ocean to get there. We had the opportunity to see so many beautiful places. We spent time in many different towns and walked through some amazing national parks in Ireland. We also got to explore old castles and hike in the Highlands of Scotland. We visited museums and memorials that taught us about how people used to live in the past. I loved learning about the history of Ireland and Scotland. We can’t wait to go back!

I hope all of you had as much fun on your summer vacation as I did. I look forward to hearing about your summer and getting to know everyone!

One thing you will learn about us very early on is that in our classroom we like to create a community of learners who all work together and help each other out. One of the ways we do this is by sharing some of our school supplies, like glue sticks and pencils. Also, since our lunch is at 12:22, we will be incorporating a working snack into our day. This should be a “one course,” healthy item that does not require any assembly. Treats like pretzels, granola bars, and non-sticky fruits are great choices. Water is perfectly fine, but no juices or soda please!

We can’t wait to meet you and find out how you spent your summer. We look forward to getting to know you and learning about your hobbies, interests, and ways you like to learn. We have a very exciting year ahead of us! We know that together we will work hard, have fun, and make this year a great one. We hope you had a good summer and we will see you soon!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Greenberg & Mrs. Holmes