

# Welcome to Mrs. Bushta's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class

August 21, 2018

Dear Parent(s),

It is my pleasure to welcome you and your child to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. This will be a wonderful year of learning and fun; not to mention an incredible year of change. You will be amazed as you watch your child become a better reader, writer, mathematician, scientist, thinker, and so much more.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year. I am excited about the countless milestones we will reach as a class and those your child will reach as an individual.

Our class will follow the school motto: S.O.A.R. (Safety, Order, Achievement, Respect) and will remember, "everyone has the right to learn." Students are expected to show respect to others through their words and actions. They are also expected to treat the materials and all school property with respect.

In our classroom we will be using a behavior clip chart. The philosophy behind the clip chart is to teach children to be self-managers of their behavior. One bad choice does not ruin the day. There are many opportunities to move up the chart throughout the day. Here is how it works. Each student has a clip on the clip chart and each morning, the clips start on "Ready to Learn" or green. Throughout the day, students have the opportunity to move their clip up for good choices or down for poor choices. If the student continues to make poor choices their clip will eventually end up on "Parent Contact," which means I will be in touch with you regarding their behavior.

Parent Volunteers:

Our school loves to have parents come in and volunteer. In order to volunteer all parents must have approval by the District Office. Whether you volunteered last year or not, you need to fill out a new volunteer form at the PES office.

Homework:

The only homework the children will have this year is to read at least 20 minutes each night. If you encourage your child to read with you each night I think you both will enjoy it.

### Snacks:

In order to ensure we have snacks everyday and to make it easier for you, I am asking parents to send in \$5.00 the first of each month. We will have snack each morning after our morning specials. An alternative to sending in money is to bring in a monthly snack for 26 students. Snack suggestions include CheezIt, Graham Crackers, Goldfish, fruit snacks, pretzels, etc. Please be aware that we have a student in our class with a severe peanut allergy, so please do not send in snacks with peanuts. Students can also bring in water bottles to keep on their desks for drinks throughout the day. Please only send water in the bottles (no soda, Gatorade, Kool-aid, or juice).

### Morning Routine:

When students arrive at school they can put their backpacks next to the outside door of my room. If they are eating breakfast they should go to the cafeteria eat, then if they have time, they can go to the playground until the bell rings. If they're not eating, they can go to the playground. I will be letting them in the room from my outside door when the bell rings. Students who get to breakfast a little later should come to class when the bell rings.

### Communication:

Please know that I am here for you and your child. Open communication between the school and home is essential for helping your child be successful. Please feel free to contact me by phone, (970) 424-6395, text, or email ([tracy.bushta@deltaschools.com](mailto:tracy.bushta@deltaschools.com)) anytime you have any concerns or questions. We can also schedule a time to meet face to face.

Thank you in advance for trusting me with your most precious possession. I promise to treat your child the way I would want my child to be treated. I am not perfect, but I will do my best to make this an amazing year!!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Bushta