Dear Students and Families,

Hello and welcome to second grade! I hope that you had a fun, healthy summer and you are looking forward to coming back to school. I am excited to meet all of you as we get ready for the upcoming school year.

This will be my 11th year in the Hillsborough School District. Previously I have worked in first grade at HES, Amsterdam, and Triangle School, as well as third grade and Transitional Primary (TP) here at HES. This will be my fifth year in second grade!

We will be engaging in many hands-on activities this year in both whole and small groups. My philosophy of education is that learning should be interesting, meaningful, and FUN!

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy cooking, arts and crafts, lifting weights, listening to podcasts, and of course reading. I love animals and have four cats (Atlas, Batman, Leon, and Felicia), a rabbit (Roo), and a newt (Rogu). I love to laugh and tell "pun-ny" jokes. Here's one of my favorites: What do you call birds that stick together? Vel-crows!

I can't wait to get to know all of you in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, information, or silly jokes you would like to share please feel free to contact me! Good communication between school and home is the start to a strong parent-teacher partnership and will benefit the education of your child greatly. My e-mail is tmistretta@htps.us.

Have a wonderful end to your summer break. I look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely, Miss Mistretta

