Dear Kirkbride families,

I am writing this letter to introduce myself and to discuss the upcoming school year. My name is Melissa Heidel and I will be your child’s teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. This will be my 13th year of teaching and my 13th year at Kirkbride. As an added bonus we will also have a student teacher, Sierra Vogel, who will be joining us for the year to also support in your child’s learning. We are both very excited to be teaching your 2nd graders. We look forward to meeting you at Back-To-School Night on Thursday, September 23rd.

**Homework Policy**

100 Book Challenge is considered a part of the students’ daily homework and it will count toward the students’ grades. **Students should read for 30 minutes each night, 7 days a week, and record their progress in their 100 Book Challenge Log Sheet.**

Written homework will be assigned every Monday through Thursday. You will receive a homework log in the beginning of the week with your student’s daily homework. There is a daily parent signature box for you to sign in after you check your child's homework.

**Staying In Contact**

Good home and school communication is one of the foundations of your child’s success in school. This year especially it is important to have an easy line of communication. The best way to contact me is through my class dojo; be on the lookout for an invite through your phone to my dojo page. You can also email me any time. My email address is: mpolisano@philasd.org

**Arrival Time and Attendance**

It is very important to arrive on time. Our school hours have changed this year. Please make sure your child arrives in the school yard by 9:00am to start our school day. Students will be dismissed at 3:39pm. Attendance will be mandatory. If for any reason your child is absent please make sure to send me an absent note. This can be done on paper and sent in, through class dojo, or you could email me.

**Co-teachers**

Mrs. Nguyen-Ngo will be the 2nd grade ESOL teacher this year and Mrs. Toscani will be the Learning Support Teacher. We are all looking forward to working together to make this year a success for your child. You can find their contact information below.

Mrs. Nguyen-Ngo Mrs. Toscani
Email: lnguyenngo@philasd.org Email: jdeluca@philasd.org

**Report Card Conferences**

Report Card Conferences are scheduled in November, February, and April. The exact dates will be sent home closer to the time of the conferences. I am not sure, as of now, whether conferences will be in person or virtual.

I look forward to getting to know the students as well as meeting and collaborating with you throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Heidel and Ms. V
Recommended Classroom Supplies

- 1 pack of high quality #2 pencils
  Mechanical pencils are not recommended

- 6 black and white composition books

- 4 two-pocket folders

- 1 pack of BLACK dry erase markers

- 6 glue sticks

- a pencil box

- crayons and/or colored pencils

- 2 boxes of tissues

- hand sanitizer

Classroom Rules

1. Follow directions the first time given.
2. Raise your hand for permission to speak.
3. Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat.
4. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
5. Treat everyone in our classroom and school with respect.

Detach below and sign

Please read the rules with your child, sign below, and return the paper as soon as possible.