Hello! My name is Mrs. Peterson. It’s my pleasure to welcome your child as part of my classroom this year! I am so excited to be your child's second grade teacher at Overbrook Educational Center for the 2022-2023 school year. I am invested in your child's education and guiding your child to meet his or her maximum potential.

This year, I will be entering my thirteenth year of teaching. This is my fourth year at OEC, and my third year teaching 2nd grade. Previously, I have taught at Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten at various charter schools within the city of Philadelphia, as well as one year of 3rd grade at OEC. My personal teaching philosophy is that I want to foster empathy, independence, and problem-solving in all that my students say and do. Instilling a love of reading, seeking opportunities to think critically, being confident mathematicians, and having a strong social-emotional intelligence are just some of the skills that I will be focusing on this school year.

I am looking forward to working with you to make this a successful and amazing year for your child. I am looking forward to working with both you and your child collaboratively and making this a positive and successful school year. In order to make sure that your child succeeds in every way possible, I would like to make sure that you are able to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at wapeterson@philasd.org.

Sincerely, Mrs. Peterson
Second Grade Supply List

- 1 Plastic Binder
- 2 Packs of Index Cards
- 4 Composition Books (black and white)
- 4 Plastic Folders (red, blue, green, yellow)
- 1 24-Pack of Crayons • 1 Pack of White Copy Paper
- 1 Pack of Magic Markers
- 1 Pack of Colored Pencils
- 1 Pack of Highlighters
- 4-Pack of Glue Sticks
- 2 Tissue Boxes
- 2 Packs of Paper Towels
- 2 Packs of Clorox Wipes
- 2 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Pack of Zip lock Bags (Gallon Sized)
- 1 Rectangular-Shaped Plastic Pencil Box
- 2 Packs of Expo brand dry erase markers

Thank you in advance for providing your child with these items in order for them to prosper this year!
Second Grade Summer Reading List

Select at least 3 books to read over the summer break. Here are some suggestions for incoming 3rd graders:

- **Meet Yasmin** by Saadia Faruqi
- **The Poet's Dog** by Patricia MacLachlan
- **Polly Diamond and the Magic Book** by Alice Kuipers
- **Baby Monkey, Private Eye** by Brian Zelnick
- **Arlo & Pips: King of the Birds** by Elise Clanton
- **Power Forward** by Hena Kahn