Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our Kindergarten-2nd grade classroom for the visually impaired, room 1 in the Annex at Overbrook Educational Center.

We have a busy and exciting year ahead of us! Before I give you a short preview of some of the subjects to be covered during the course of the year, let me first introduce myself. My name is Sara Sell and I have been a Teacher of the Visually Impaired at O.E.C since January 2017. I consider myself very fortunate to be among such a knowledgeable faculty and staff. This year I am responsible for teaching reading literacy, mathematics, science, and social studies. In addition, your child will receive physical education, art, and music.

I realize that teaching your child is a privilege, as well as a tremendous responsibility. I will do my best this year to ensure that each student has a motivating and safe learning experience at school. However, I cannot do this alone. I need your help. Let’s make collaborative efforts toward the learning process. I need each of you to encourage your child at home by helping to ensure that they complete daily homework assignments (Monday-Thursday); encourage your child to talk about his or her school day; read to your child each night. In addition, please attend your scheduled IEP meetings and report card conferences. Finally, it is very important that you send in a note if your child is absent. Please include the date and a reason for the absence when your child returns to school. Please check your child’s book bag daily for important school messages.

The school day is Monday through Friday from 8:15 to 2:54. Also, please contact me with any questions or concerns at 484-821-7128 and/or ssell@philasd.org. I am looking forward to meeting you and working with your child.

Sincerely,
Sara Sell
Please take a moment to answer the following questions on the attached page. Please return this paper as soon as possible.

Your Name________________________________________

Your Child’s Name____________________________________

Best Contact Number__________________________

Best way to get in contact with you (circle all that apply)
    phone call, text, written note

What are your child’s strengths? __________________________

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What are some areas of growth for your child? ________________

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What are your child’s interests? ____________________________

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What is a goal you have or your child has for this school year? ________

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Anything special/important you want Miss Sell to know before the start of the school year?

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Thank you for answering these questions. I look forward to being partners with you this school year ensure your child’s success!