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Dear Parents,

We're off! We're building our routines, learning each other's names and generally finding out what is the expected behavior in our second grade classroom. Already I can see we are a group that responds enthusiastically to our learning environment that combines equal parts structure, responsibility, involvement, hard work and fun. We know that our work is important, and we have promised to do our best. We are a community of learners, and caring for each other will be a constant.

I thank you for sending in the school supplies your child will need to do this work. If you have not yet sent in the \$15 for the subscription to Scholastic News and supplies I purchase, I would be most grateful if you sent that at your earliest convenience. I buy these materials during the summer and throughout the year and pay for them myself. If you are unable to at this time, just let me know. I'll be happy to see that your child gets the necessary materials.

Thanks for honoring my request for a "no-juice" classroom. We work with our windows open whenever possible, and juice serves as an insect magnet! Water is the best hydration system possible, and that walk to the restroom serves as a much-needed stretch after all our hard work.

**We do have a peanut allergy in our classroom**, so I thank you for checking to see that no peanuts are sent in for snack. Peanut products may be consumed at lunch so long as your child sits at the "peanut table." We want everyone to be safe!

Lastly, THANK YOU for checking your child's green Take-Home folder each day and for returning it each morning. This is my link with you! It will hold daily work, personal notes and class information, as well as the many Friday "Conant Notes." You'll notice that there are few work samples coming home yet. We're doing plenty, I can assure you! At the beginning of the year we are displaying work on bulletin boards and saving samples for Open House. You'll gradually start seeing examples of our work.

Communication will be our key to success, so please contact me if you have questions or concerns. I try to check for email messages before leaving for work at 7 AM, and hopefully during the day, but some days are too busy to allow that! If you have a concern that is time-sensitive, your best bet is to leave me a message on Conant voice mail. The number is **(978) 266-2555 ext. 2006**. **I will respond to your calls as quickly as I can, because I value your input!** If you want to leave me a message and DON'T require a call-back, please let me know that, as well.

Sincerely,

Mary Tsacoyeanes

**Pictures on Tuesday!**