Dear Second Grade Families,

My name is Kelly Laskowski, and I will be your child's Second Grade teacher this year, along with Emily Kadash, the Second Grade Focus teacher. We want to extend a warm welcome to our classroom and school community as we begin the 2020-2021 school year, especially to the SIX new-to-Brent families in our class! In many ways we will all feel “new” this year as we navigate a new way of learning remotely. We know that families are a crucial part of students' success and we look forward to working closely with you all in the coming days, weeks, and months. Together we will make this school year productive, meaningful, and memorable.

- The first opportunity we have to get to know each other will be through Virtual Home Visits. During Week 1 (8/31-9/4), Early Childhood through 5th grade families and teachers will participate in virtual home visits. The focus of these conversations is to say hello and get acquainted with one another, and we hope they serve as a launching point for a year-long collaborative relationship. We will share more about these home visits in an email on Friday. Please sign up for a virtual home visit time using this link. Please also take our short tech survey prior to the meeting so we can learn more about your set-up and address any tech questions right away.

- During Week 1, your student will also have the opportunity to get to know their classmates during whole group Morning and Closing Meetings. Morning Meetings will be daily from 8:30-9:00 a.m. and Closing Meetings will be daily from 2:45 - 3:15 p.m. in our Class Team.

- Our grade level schedule (attached) also has Small Group Time across the week, in addition to Specials with half the class. Specials will start the first day of school. Our special this term is Art! The attached document titled Laskowski-Kadash Small Group Assignments indicates your child's small group and half class assignment for weeks 1-3 (8/31 - 9/18). Information about getting your child logged on for all components of the schedule will come in Friday’s email.

- Finally, this Friday, August 28th around 3pm via an Asynchronous Open House your family will be able to watch a video introducing students to their new grade and teachers. Keep an eye out for an email on Friday.

Again, welcome to the 2020-2021 school year and we are looking forward to meeting you in the coming days!

In partnership,

Kelly Laskowski
Emily Kadash