

meet the TEACHER

Mrs. MacNeill



Welcome to 2nd Grade!

Hello 2-1 friend! It's official – you **REALLY** are a 2nd grader now! 🎉 Yay!! 🎉

We are going to have a wonderful time learning together in our classroom community. One of the first things we'll learn about is YOU! I am so excited to hear about all of your summer adventures and what makes you uniquely you. By getting to know you, and all of our other 2-1 friends, we'll start to form our community of learners that will *hopefully* start to feel a bit like a family. We also have lots of 2nd grade stuff to learn this year, and we'll start by connecting it to what you already know from 1st grade. I am here to help you with *everything* this year, so bring along your best smile and can-do attitude on the first day and everyday, and we'll work together to figure it all out!

About Me

Hello! I am Mrs. MacNeill. I live in Chalfont with my husband and our three children. My daughter Charlee is 10 years old, Ben is 6 and starting first grade, and Cora is 3 years old. We love to spend time camping as a family and the kiddos keep us busy with their activities! You'll hear all about our family adventures this year!

I attended both Messiah College and Cabrini University. I received my Bachelors of Science in Early Childhood Education as well as my Masters of Education with a Reading Specialist certificate. This is my 17th year as a classroom teacher and I am so excited to begin a new school year with you!

Contact Me

I am so excited to meet you on the first day of school, but if you need anything before then, please let me know.



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First Day of School

The first day of school this year is on TUESDAY, AUGUST 27. Our classroom is 2-1, the first room in the second grade hallway - right around the corner from the nurse's office. Look for me outside of the classroom on the first day, and if you pass the library, you went too far!

My Favorites

Food: **tacos** 🌮

Drink: **coffee** ☕

Candy: **Asher's Chocolate**
Sea Salt Caramels 🍬

Hobby: **camping** 🏕️

Book: **The Lorax** 🌳

Subject: **reading** 📖



dear PARENTS

PARENT INFORMATION LETTER



Dear Parents, Family Members, and Guardians,

Welcome to second grade! My name is Christine MacNeill and I am looking forward to getting to know your special someone as a second grader. I have had the pleasure of working at Franconia in second grade for over a decade after teaching first grade, transitional-first, as the [Souderton Area Online Academy](#) virtual second grade teacher, and most recently back in the traditional second grade classroom.

If this is the first year your child will spend at Franconia, I'm sure you will find our school to be a welcoming place. At our school, children are respected and encouraged to explore and learn about the world around them in a hands-on and authentic way. If your child has already spent time learning at Franconia, I'm excited to welcome them back to a learning community they know and love!

Second grade is an exciting year where children utilize their background skills learned in first grade to help them understand similar concepts in a more complex way. Many children leave first grade as blossoming readers and writers, and second grade is the year where children refine their skills and become more independent in all of the subject areas. By second grade, students are accustomed to the full-day schedule and the transition from first grade to second grade is typically an easy one.

As a new school year approaches, I would like to share some helpful hints that I think will make the start of the school year go smoothly.

- Please make sure your child comes to school prepared to learn. This means that they have received a good night's rest, have eaten a healthy breakfast (or will eat at school, the cost is FREE!), have completed all of their homework the night before, and have all supplies for the day. I recommend getting your student into the habit of setting out their belongings the evening before school. By starting off the year doing this, you can establish a habit to last throughout the school year. Your morning will be calm and organized, and your student will be ready to learn!
- Send your child to school with a leakproof water bottle and healthy snack each day. Our lunchtime is at 11:15, but we have a busy morning of learning that often leads to hungry tummies! Please send a water bottle that your child can keep at their desk that will not spill, even if knocked to the floor.
- The lunch menu is available on [our school website](#), and is posted in our classroom. The daily lunch cost is \$3.00 and you can [create an account](#) to add money to your child's account via check or debit/credit card or send in money as needed.
- I will receive a bus# list as the school year creeps closer. If different than their assigned bus, please send a note regarding your child's dismissal plan in your child's backpack on the first day of school.



- As you are enjoying the last few weeks of summer, many families like to start getting ready for the new school year. Please see a few suggested items that you may want to pick up, as well as some items I will provide your child with when they arrive in August.

- Backpack labeled with your child's first and last name and classroom 2-1
- Reusable lunch box labeled with your child's first and last name and classroom 2-1 (daily lunch will also be offered by the school cafeteria for \$3.00)
- A pencil box with a secure fitting lid that contains the following**:
 - 1 box of crayons (no larger than 24-count please)
 - 2 dry erase markers (to use on whiteboards), plus a few extras kept at home to resupply throughout the school year as needed. **This is the supply students run out of most often.**
 - 1 small dry eraser or a clean sock
 - Sharpened pencils **not mechanical** (regular wooden sharpen best in our electric sharpener). Some children require a new pencil each week so sending in a few with at home replacements is a good idea
 - Post-it notes 3"x3"
 - 3 glue sticks (large), send in 1 and keep the others at home for replacement
 - 1 pair of child-sized scissors
- 1 1-inch 3-ring binder
- 1 pack of index dividers, 5-count
- 1 composition book
- Headphones or ear buds in a labeled case or resealable bag (cloth works well), no bluetooth
- 2+ boxes of tissues to share if able
- 1 box of baggies (snack, quart, or gallon size) to share if able

**Please keep in mind that your child will be independently responsible for their belongings. While the plethora of school supplies at stores can be enticing, these are the only items your child will need at school. Please be sure your child is easily able to access, store, and care for the items you send in. Whatever you are able to label with your child's name may be helpful.

The children will be sitting at individual desks arranged in groups and I will have supply caddies for each group filled with extra pencils, colored pencils, and markers. To take home papers, your child will be given a folder on the first day of school. No additional folders will be needed.

I hope this information will help you and your child prepare for a new and exciting school year! I am truly looking forward to meeting the children in a few weeks and I hope they are excited for all of the ways they will grow and learn this year. Please mark your calendars for Back to School night on Thursday, September 12 6:00-6:40pm where I will present more information on how our classroom runs. If you have any questions in the meantime please feel free to email me at cmacneill@soudertonsd.org

I am looking forward to an awesome year!



Mrs. Christine MacNeill

