

September 2018

Dear Families,

Welcome to class 2-206. This is going to be a fantastic year filled with new discoveries and adventures in learning. Your child will deepen the work they began in first grade and gain new insight into themselves as learners. Second graders quickly grow in confidence and independence both socially and academically. It is an exciting time in a student's life and we are THRILLED to be a part of it!

First, let us introduce ourselves:

My name is Lauren Young and I am so excited to join the PS 39 team. I am making the transition from a special education public school in Brighton Beach, where I taught grades 3-5. My teaching journey started when I joined New York City Teaching Fellows. Through this program, I earned my master's degree from Pace University. My undergraduate degree is from George Washington University, where I studied marketing. I used that degree for 5 years working in e-commerce marketing for retail companies such as Blue Fly and Ann Taylor. I am excited to use these experiences in my role as the second grade special education teacher this coming school year. When I am not teaching, I enjoy traveling, cooking, trying different cuisines, and watching tennis (go Serena!). I also find great enjoyment in seeing live music, dance performances and plays. I am sure this year will be full of growth, positivity and learning adventures. I look forward to working with you all and becoming a member of this great education community.

Hi, I'm Stephanie Reyes. I am happy to be back for another fun-filled year with the wonderful PS 39 community. This year is a new adventure for me as I dive into 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. In my spare time I love spending time with my family, making art and cooking.

Next, some important information for the beginning of the school year:

The first weeks of school are a time to get used to classroom routines, procedures and schedules while embarking on new learning adventures. To help us get to know your child, please complete the Parent Questionnaire that will go home in your child's homework folder during the first few days of school. To help us keep your child safe, make sure to indicate any health information (allergies, dietary restrictions, etc...) as well as dismissal information.

Here is some important information to help make the transition back to school a smooth one. The school day begins at 8:20 and ends 2:40pm everyday. Students who arrive after the class has gone up must get a late pass from the main office. In the morning, our class lines up in the middle of the schoolyard on the 8<sup>th</sup> street side. We dismiss in the same location. Our class has recess and lunch from 12:10-1:00 M, TH, F. We have recess and lunch from 1:00-1:50 on T, W. Since we have recess

everyday it is an excellent idea to send your child to school in sneakers. Sneakers ROCK!

Our Special Classes are:

- Monday Science 1:50-2:40
- Tuesday Gym 10:30-11:20
- Wednesday Music 1:50-2:40
- Thursday Art 1:50-2:40
- Friday Science 1:00-1:50

Every Tuesday afternoon between 2:40 and 3:25 has been designated by the DOE as Parent Engagement Time. These 40 minutes have been set aside for face to face meetings, telephone conversations and written correspondence with parents. Please take advantage of this time to communicate with us as needed across the school year. Although this specific time has been provided, it is not the only time we are available to meet or speak with parents. We'll be communicating regularly. School/family communication is important at PS 39! To schedule a meeting, please email us at: [sreyes@ps39.org](mailto:sreyes@ps39.org) and [lyoung@ps39.org](mailto:lyoung@ps39.org).

This year we will be hosting Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 13 from 5-8pm. This is a chance to learn more about Second Grade curriculum, classroom routines, homework etc. Don't miss the Welcome Dinner on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The first PA meeting of the year takes place on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year and to seeing many of you at our first Family Friday, which is September 7 at 8:30 am. Don't forget to wear your Silly School Supplies for School Spirit Day!

Love,

Ms. Young and Ms. Reyes