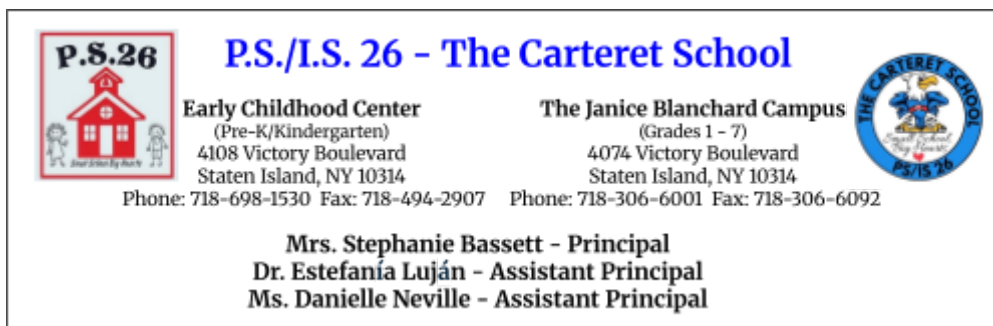




Dear Second Grade Parents/Guardians,

September - 2026

We would like to take this time to introduce ourselves and welcome 2nd grade students and their families to the 2026 - 2027 school year. Our names are Mrs. Conte and Mrs. Yodice, and we will be your child's teachers this year. We are looking forward to getting to know our students and embarking on a year filled with learning and exploring while having fun.

Mrs. Yodice began teaching in 2005, after completing both her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from Pace University. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Literacy. Shortly after she began teaching, she decided to further her education and received an additional thirty credits in a variety of educational courses provided by The Department of Education and received training in Orton Gillingham (a structured literacy approach that breaks reading and spelling down into smaller skills). She has taught K-2 throughout her career. However, this will be her sixteenth year teaching second grade.

Mrs. Conte is in her sixth year teaching second grade and has also taught grades K-2. Mrs. Conte graduated with a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Special Education and General Education (Birth to Grade 12) and started teaching in 2014. She will be the Special Education Teacher in your ICT classroom. Mrs. Conte received training in Orton Gillingham and Yale RULER (a social emotional learning approach by recognizing, understanding, labeling, expressing and regulating emotions).

Just to give you a sense of what you can expect this year, we'd like to tell you a bit about our classroom and very briefly outline some goals we have for the school year. During the first few weeks, we will help students get acclimated back into the school routine. We will also have various opportunities for students to get to know their classmates.

Second grade provides each child the opportunity to grow developmentally, socially, physically, and emotionally. One of our main goals is to help the children further develop their literacy and mathematical skills. They will do this by setting and adjusting goals for themselves throughout the year. We will help the children to achieve their goals by using the Next Gen Standards to help guide our instruction and to meet their individual needs. You can view the second grade standards online at www.schools.nyc.gov.

We will also be working together to achieve emotional and social growth through weekly SEL lessons. Another goal we have is to create a safe and respectful remote environment for the children to come and learn. Lastly, the children are encouraged to be independent and responsible.

Your child will be using a laptop/device daily in Second Grade. We will provide devices that students will utilize while in class. These devices will remain in school. It's important that your child knows how to log in to their Teach Hub Account. Please practice logging in with your child into their Teach Hub and into our Google Classroom with their DOE email and password. We will be changing all students DOE passwords in September and will tape the information into their homework folder.

Now for you as a parent in second grade, we encourage parent participation in your child's education. We will provide parents with opportunities to participate throughout the year. Your child's learning is essential and so is your participation and encouragement. Parent communication between the school and the teacher is the key to success. Communication allows us time to talk about what's going on with you and your child and also provides a chance for the teachers and the parents to get to know one another. Always feel free to contact us within school office hours by email LYodice@schools.nyc.gov and LConte3@schools.nyc.gov or by phone (718)306-6001.

We know your child will have fun in second grade and you as a parent. In addition, we know your child will leave our classroom daily with either something in their hand, something in their head, and especially in their hearts.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation. We can't wait to spend the next year learning and growing with you! Enjoy the summer! We look forward to a great year!

Here's to a successful year! See you soon!

- Mrs. Conte & Mrs. Yodice

***Please complete the Second Grade Summer Homework and
bring it in the first week of school***

***We will add your child to our Google Classroom at the start of the school year. On
the first day of school, we will send home the QR code for you to join our Class Dojo.**