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Welcome to a new school year!

 I am Katherine Cooper. This is my 15th year in teaching. I received my Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Elmhurst College and a Master of Arts in Teaching and Leadership from Saint Xavier University. My husband and I live Belvidere with our two Golden Retrievers, Addison and Murphy. We have three adult children. Our oldest daughter lives in Arizona, our son lives in Wisconsin, and our youngest daughter is off to graduate school in Iowa.

 In second grade your child will be encouraged to become a more independent learner. I will do my very best to help your child be successful academically. I am also hopeful that your child can become a problem solver and work with classmates to settle differences and not always expect an adult to solve their problem.

 Classroom behavior expectations will be discussed and decided upon by the students. This information will be shared with you. Please read and reinforce them with your child. They will bring home a colored chart each day to show their behavior. Blue=Superstar!, Purple=Flying High, Green=Ready to Learn, Yellow=Think About It, Orange=Make Better Choices, and Red=Danger Zone. The daily goal is to move up the chart. Please sign the chart each day and send it back to school. Students will be given a ticket weekly if they move up the chart. They can collect prizes if their chart is signed and returned daily. It is your child’s responsibility to turn in their chart.

 Agendas and take home folders should come home nightly. Please check the folder for important notes and your child’s daily work. Papers on the Return to School side of the folder should be sent back as soon as possible. Homework assignments will be written in the agenda. Initial or sign the agenda when the homework is complete. Nightly homework for reading fluency and math facts practice will be in your child’s Data Binder. This work is to be completed Monday-Thursday.

 I am looking forward to teaching your second grader this year. I know that we can have a fabulous and successful school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Katherine Cooper