**September 2, 2016**

Hi Everyone,

We had a great first two days in 2P! I am so excited to get to know each of your children over the course of this year. This week we shared experiences and mementos from our summer vacations. We also started to create summer flipbooks and interviewed our classmates. We have been working hard to learn the new routines and expectations of both 2P and Lower Devotion. We will continue to develop and practice these routines and expectations over the next couple of weeks.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to address a few housekeeping items:

1. If possible please send your child to school with a water bottle every day. There is only one water fountain on our floor so the line can get pretty backed up. Also, please label your child’s water bottle with their name if possible.
2. We will be eating both snack and lunch in our classroom everyday. Please remember that peanut products of any kind are no longer allowed as part of your child’s snack or lunch.
3. 2P will be taking donations of Clorox wipes or surface cleaner with paper towels throughout the year. We have to clean the classroom surfaces after snack and lunch each day.
4. Lower Devo is lucky enough to have AC. Please send your child to school with a sweater or sweatshirt in case they are cold at times during the day. For convenience sweaters/sweatshirts can also be left at school on their bag hooks.
5. 2P has Gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please have your child wear or bring sneakers or shoes with a rubber sole on those days. 2P has Art on Fridays and Music on Monday and Wednesday.
6. If you haven’t had a chance to fill out the Griggs Park permission form please do so. 2P will be going to Griggs Park for an extended recess on Friday mornings. The link for the permission slip is below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/KDovRIWdNvFC2jJe2>

I also wanted to let you know about a few different resources available for 2P parents. We have a class website where you can see the curriculum we are currently working on in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. Pictures of student work and students working, videos of kids reading their writing, playing math games etc. (parent approval needed, and we will discuss at open house, no photos/videos of children until then!), and homework (will not start until end of September/early October) can all be accessed via our class website. The address for our class website is:

<http://mrspaget.weebly.com/>

2P also has a Twitter page! One of our classroom jobs is tweeting out information from our day. This information may include something we learned or are working on or a special activity we completed. Our twitter username is: **MrsPagetGrade2**

In the upcoming weeks I will send home more detailed information about the date of Open House, access to Raz-Kids and IXL Math (on-line programs for student use at home), and any other 2P news and happenings.

Please feel free to e-mail me at any time at caitlin\_paget@psbma.org. You can also call before or after school. The phone number for my room is (617) 879-4434. I hope everyone has a fantastic long weekend!

This year any e-mails to parents as a whole group are being sent via ASPEN. If you have another e-mail address you would like to receive e-mails at please update your e-mail address in ASPEN. If you have an alternate e-mail address you would like included please add that to ASPEN as well. All group e-mails sent will also be uploaded to our classroom website.

Fondly,

Caitlin Paget