Dear Parents and Second Graders,

Welcome to Station #11. I look forward to getting to know you and your child as we embark on our new school year together. I'll start this introductory letter by telling you a little about myself as your child's teacher. This will be my 27<sup>th</sup> year as an elementary school teacher. I am a graduate of the University of Hawaii and have lived in California since 1993. I graduated with a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Cal Poly Pomona in June of 1997 and then went on to earn my GATE certificate through the University of California in Riverside during the winter of 2002.

Believing that every child has a unique personality that contributes to our classroom environment, I try to allow each student the independence to be "themselves" and at the same time instill in them a sense of responsibility for their learning and behavior. Second grade is a year of many new concepts and personal growth. Your child's learning can be reinforced at home by repeating to you what they have learned in class, practicing math skills and number facts, keeping a personal journal, and reading, reading!

I am thrilled to be meeting so many of you at our "Meet Your Teacher" event. If you were not able to come, I can hardly wait to meet you. Please be informed that I write a "Parent News Brief" every week and that it goes home every Monday (or the first day we return to school from each weekend). This is my way of keeping parents informed with what is going on within our class. You'll be receiving the first "Parent News Brief" the first day of school.

Please look for the suggested school supply list included in this envelope. I appreciate you providing what you can to make sure that your child is ready for school.

This will be an awesome year! Children, wear your smile to school and come prepared to learn a lot this year.

I hope to see you all at our Back to School/Parent Information Night next Wednesday, August the 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Sincerely, Mrs. Angela Liu ©