

August 1, 2017
McCall Elementary School
325 South 7th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106



Dear _____ Family,

As your child's teacher for the upcoming school year, I am looking forward to getting to know you and working with you.

A Little bit About Myself

I am originally from Philadelphia, but I have been teaching in Florida for the past few years. I graduated from LaSalle University and I am currently enrolled in LaSalle's graduate education program. I look forward to obtaining my masters degree in education with a concentration in instructional coaching this upcoming spring.

Just to give you a sense of what you can expect from me this year, I would like to briefly discuss my philosophy of teaching. During the first few weeks of school, I plan on setting aside an adequate amount of time so that I can get to know your child and their classmates. Every child is individually unique and has different interests and learning styles. My goal is to create a positive learning community where my students feel safe, comfortable, and excited to learn. My goal for our classroom is to become a community of learners based on a mutual respect for all individual differences. I want you and your child to know that our classroom is a safe environment where students are encouraged to share, learn from one another, and learn from me- just as I will learn from them.

If you would, **please share information with me about your child by completing the enclosed questionnaire** so that I may begin to plan to meet his needs and expectations.

I also want to invite you **to visit our classroom before school begins**. To arrange your family's special meeting, all you have to do is contact me and we'll set something up!

Lastly, please subscribe to our class DOJO There you will find information about **volunteer opportunities**, and different ways you can support our classroom. To get started please apply for the necessary clearances in order to volunteer, join us on a classroom outing, or Even if you do not wish to volunteer in the classroom, I would encourage you to follow our class online. **I like to post photos and updates about students and all of our classroom activities!**

Enjoy the long, hot days of summer! If you have questions, please contact by email.

- **Email: ldiletto@philasd.org**

Sincerely,

Lindsay Diletto

Child's Name _____

Below you'll find a series of questions to include in your student questionnaire:

- What are your child's interests?
- What would you like me to know about your child?
- What are your concerns, if any?
- What is your child's attitude towards school?
- What has been helpful for your child in the past?
- How does your child learn best?
- What additional help might your child need this year? How might I best offer this additional support?
- What is your child passionate about?
- What are some of his/her favorite things to do outside of school?
- Would you like to schedule an informal conference to meet and/or discuss your child? If so, please indicate times that are best for you.

**Diletto's SMART-E Kinders
Kindergarten Supply List**

LUNCH AND SNACK

Reusable **lunch** bag or soft lunch box
(No briefcase style please!)

If your child opts for a **school lunch**, please put the afternoon **snack** in a reusable lunch bag
each day
(**Label** your child's lunch and/or snack bag please!)

Reusable Water Bottle – Please use a permanent marker to label your child's name on the
water bottle!

Large lightweight functional **backpack** (no wheels, no suitcase type, no toys attached, or hard
shell decorations) Thank you!

I find the lightweight school bag is easiest for Kindergarten students to carry. They will place
their jacket in the BP during the day, so **no small** backpacks ☺

* TIP: The BP with the least amount of pockets are the best for young children!

No Need to label the following items:

Fiskars metal blunt tip scissors (not plastic or pointed)

2 **Elmer's** Jumbo glue sticks

1 box of **Crayola** washable fat markers

1 box of **Crayola** colored pencils

1 box of **Crayola** 64 ct. crayons (no jumbo crayons)

2 boxes of **#2 yellow Ticonderoga pencils sharpened**

1 package (**12**) (**thin**) low odor dry erase markers (**Expo** brand only please!)

1 Kleenex (box)

1 White Art eraser

Writer's Notebook, Science Notebook, Math Interactive Copybook

**Additional Class supplies: Boys: Paper towels and Gallon size zip lock bags
Girls: Clorox wipes and Gallon size zip lock bags**

Thank you!