

# WELCOME TO 2ND GRADE



Dear Second Grade Families,

I am so excited to be your child's second grade teacher this year! This is my third year teaching second grade at Mackay. I went to Montclair State University for undergrad and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Family and Child Studies with a concentration in Family Services, as well as a minor in Speech Language Pathology and Psychology. I went on to continue my education at Montclair State University where I received my Master's in Education, and I am a dual certified teacher in K-6, as well as Teacher of Students with Disabilities.

I have the quote "In a world where you can be anything, be kind" displayed in our classroom for the students (and myself) to see. This is my favorite quote and one that I will lead the school year with. Our class is our own community and I believe that if we are all kind towards one another, we can achieve amazing things inside and outside of the classroom! I strive to create a classroom environment where all of your children will feel safe, important and special. I will make sure they are all reaching their full potential and they always feel like their classroom is their home away from home! I am looking forward to working together throughout the year to make this year the best year yet!

Sincerely,  
**Ms. DeRiso**