



STEPHEN GIRARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1800 Snyder Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19145

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Dear Students and Families:

Welcome to room 210! I am your child's Autistic Support teacher Mrs. Pantalone and I am very excited to have your child in my class. This is my 7th year of teaching, and before becoming a teacher, I worked in an autistic support classroom for 5 years. I am originally from South Philadelphia and went to Temple University, where I received my BA in Psychology. I went on to get my Masters Degree in Education from Drexel University with a focus in Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum. I am looking forward to having a great year and I hope you are too!

Even though I will be guiding your child's success in the classroom, you are still an extremely important part to the success of your child. Throughout the year, there are many things you can do to help your child succeed in school, after school hours. Every day I will send home a communication sheet with your child that will let you know how their day was and what they worked on that day. This will help keep you informed and involved in what skills your child is learning and help guide you on what you can continue to work on at home. Every child is unique in their learning abilities and you are key to helping me better understand the learning needs of your child. On the communication sheet, there will be a spot that you can write on to tell me anything you feel I should know for the following day to help your child succeed.

This year I will be utilizing Class DoJo to keep parents informed as much as possible. This is an application that can be used on your phone, tablet, or computer. We plan to use this tool to explain what we have accomplished within the classroom and to keep the line of communication open for you as the parent. During the first week, I will send home a sheet for you to fill out about your child. On that sheet, I will ask for your email and cell phone number so I can invite you to join our class dojo.

I am very excited to be working with your child this year! To ensure that your child is as prepared as possible, I have attached a school supply list and the information sheet to this letter. Please send the supplies and papers in with your child no later than Friday, September 6th, 2024.

When it comes to success, communication is key! I want you to know that the lines of communication are always open daily for you. Any questions or concerns you may have can be brought to my attention at any time by email at dpantalone@philasd.org, or via Class DoJo. Your concerns, comments, and opinions are very important to me. Let's get ready for a great year!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Pantalone