Dear Students,

My name is Miss Kelly and I am very excited to have you in my class. Miss Debbie is our classroom assistant who will be helping you and your friends with all of our classroom activities. Our classroom name is the Curious Caterpillars and we are in room 7. We will have a lot of fun while making many new friends this school year. I have planned many fun field trips, including a trip to the Smithtown Fire Department, Sweetbriar Nature Center's Rainforest Room and Sunken Meadow Beach. We will also have many fun guests that come to visit us at our school, such as Bobby Dawg, Fireman Ed and a visit from a local Dentist.

I have my smock ready to get messy with some fun science, cooking and art projects. We will make some cool crafts using paint, markers, glue and other fun art supplies. In science we will be making a volcano that erupts and learning about all of the planets. Make room on your refrigerator for all of the fun crafts you will be bringing home.

I hope that you like having fun because I have also planned many fun and silly days throughout the school year. This year we will be dressing like farmers, The Cat in the Hat, cowboys, getting cozy in our pajamas and so much more! So get your dress up clothes ready!



We also have classroom pets named Shimmer and Pepper that are looking forward to meeting you. They are sparkly and polka-dotted glow-fish and they love to swim around in their tank. During the year we will learn about and grow new classroom pets such as butterflies and baby chicks.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I can't wait to meet you on August  $31^{st}$ !

See you Soon!

Miss Kelly and Miss Debbie

Get ready to read many wonderful and exciting stories ... My favorite is <u>The Very</u> <u>Hungry Caterpillar</u> by Eric Carle. I wonder what your favorite story is!



Dear Parents,

Yes, it's that time of the year again...Back to School! My name is Miss Kelly and I would like to welcome you back to school. I will be your child's teacher for the 2017-2018 school year at B.E.S.T. Learning Center. Our class name is the Curious Caterpillars. I am very excited to meet all of you and begin our year of learning.

Throughout the year we will be learning math, how to write letters, numbers and each child's first and last name. We will learn a letter and number each week, including letter sounds to prepare for reading. Starting around January, we will begin introducing weekly sight words to fully prepare each child for kindergarten. This will be done with hands on activities, art projects, cooking, science experiments, "mystery bag" show and tell and many other fun filled activities. Weekly homework assignments will also be sent home to help reinforce what we are learning in class.

Monthly newsletters will be sent home to keep you informed of all classroom activities and events. There will be celebrations throughout the year that you will be invited to attend. All classroom information will also be posted in the "Parent's Corner" outside our classroom.

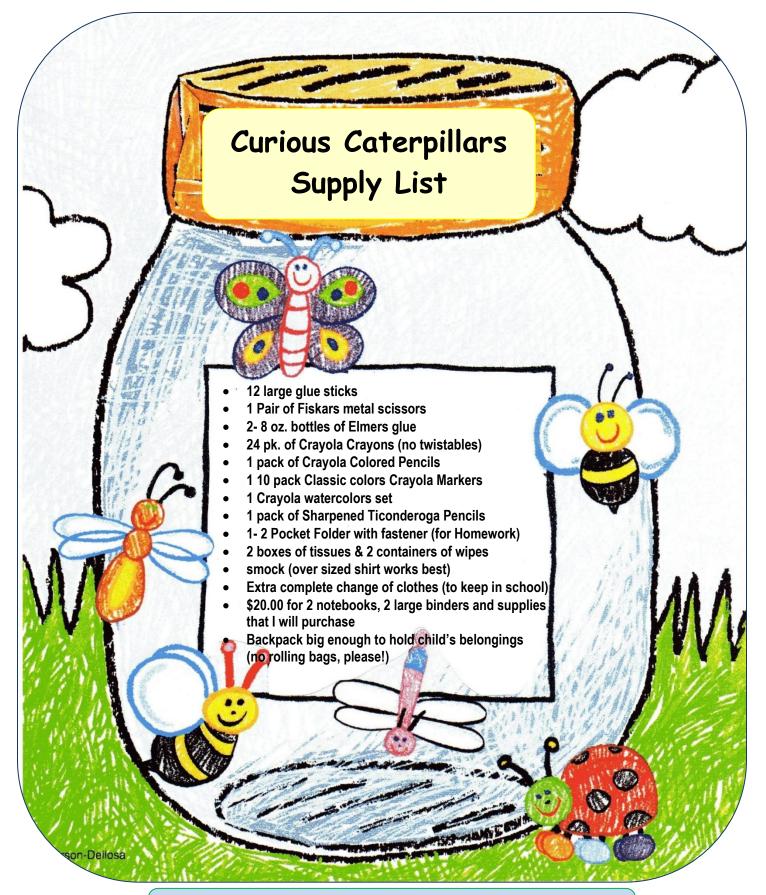
On the first day of school, please send in something for your child to share with the class that symbolizes something you have done this summer. This is a great ice breaker and a way for us all to learn a little bit more about each other.

I have attached a few forms that will help me get to know you and your child

a little better. If possible, please bring all completed forms to orientation on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. I look forward to meeting you! If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me through Remind or at KMFitzpatrick221@gmail.com. I can also be reached by calling the office at B.E.S.T. at (631) 864-4064 and I will get back to you as soon as possible

> Sincerely, Miss Kelly





\*\*Please label everything with your child's first and last name and bring with you on the day of orientation to be put in each of their boxes.