



August, 2015

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer! My name is Mrs. Collins and I will be your Autistic Support teacher at Roundtown Elementary this year. For some of you, I am a familiar face, and for others, I am brand new ☺.



Also returning this year are our wonderful classroom aides, [redacted] and [redacted]. We are also very excited to welcome a new personal care assistant to our room as well!

This summer was quite busy for me! In June, I worked at a summer camp for children with special needs, called Aaron's Acres. Each year, it is one of the highlights of my summer. Also in June, my husband and

I went on our annual family vacation. This year, we went to Lake Harmony. It is always a great time with family! I am fortunate to have the time to spend with my four nephews, Evan, Tyson, Quinn, and Ben. They keep us on our toes! Then, in July, my husband and I celebrated our anniversary with a trip to St. Lucia. We have been looking forward



to visiting this island for quite some time now and are glad we can finally check it off our travel bucket list! We had a wonderful time, but were eager to return to our favorite felines, Sophie, Basil, and Millis (see picture below).



In August, the three other Autistic Support teachers and I met to plan and really advance our various programs. We are looking forward to implementing our ideas in our classrooms! Additionally this month, I had the honor of speaking at the National Autism Conference in State College, PA. Without a doubt, the experience was a highlight of my teaching career thus far! Roundtown Autistic Support is delighted to continue our participation in the PaTTAN Autism Initiative! Enclosed with this letter, you will find additional paperwork such as a

Reinforcement Survey to complete, and the Parent Handbook. Please complete these as soon as possible and return to school the first week. Additionally, various consent forms will be sent home the first week of school.

Here are a few reminders to help get the school year off to a smooth start.



- Please try to **label** everything with your child's name to keep our Lost and Found items at a minimum: lunches, backpacks, jackets, sweatshirts, etc.

- During the first week of school, please send in an extra change of clothes that you don't mind keeping at school.

Please turn this page over. Thank you!

- If your child is going to be absent, please call the Roundtown office to let them know. When your child returns to school, *please send in a blue excuse card.*
- If your child is attending Phys. Ed., please make sure to have him/her wear sneakers on those days. A schedule will be sent home indicating the days.



- A communication log will be completed and sent home *each day* in your child's colored folder. PLEASE review and sign this daily as it contains pertinent information!
- If materials were sent home at the end of last school year for practice over the summer, please return these



as soon as possible.

- Emailed links to our weekly classroom update and copies of the probe sheets from the week are sent home on Fridays.
- Speech and O.T. schedules will be set up and communicated to you within the first couple weeks of school.

If you have any questions, or you feel there is anything I should know, please feel free to send a note with your child, call the school, or email me.

I am looking forward to seeing your smiling faces on the 26th!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Collins

