



August 2011

Dear Students,

I hope that you have had a wonderful, fun-filled summer. I had fun at the river with friends, spent a lot of time working on home projects, and had a few visitors in town from Texas (that's where I used to live!) I also did a bit of traveling for both fun and for school. It still feels like summer has been really short. I need to fit in a bit more fun before school begins. I am looking forward to our year together. We will have new mixture of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in Room 11. Many are returning students, while some are new to our school. Including myself, we have 4 new teachers at GVCS. There will be lots of chances to make new friends this year. We will kick off the school year with an expedition on dogs. ***On the first day of school, bring in a picture of a dog.*** It could be a picture of your dog or a dog you know. It will be fun to share these with each other as we begin learning about dogs.

As you probably know, school starts on **Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**. School hours are from **8:30am-3:00pm, Monday-Thursday**, and **8:30am-12:30pm on Friday**. Supervised drop-off is at the front of school (School Street) after 8:15am. There is no playground supervision before school, except for the GVCS Before-School program (See enclosed flyer). Our school traffic can be extra heavy the first week so allow plenty of time. Pickup is in the area at 3:00pm. Please respect our neighbors by dropping students off only in designated areas. (Temby Street is NOT a drop-off zone.) Our procedure eliminates the need for most parents to park. If you need to walk your student in or out of class, you may use available street parking, **not drop-off zones**. (Note: **The red drop-off zones are monitored by GVPD during school. Unattended cars in those zones may receive a parking ticket. OUCH!**)

I will be working in the classroom on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00p-3:00p if you would like to stop by and say hello. I am really excited to see all of you and meet our new friends.

Here is a list of things you need for school:

- A backpack (bring it everyday)
- A healthy snack each day (I don't keep a snack cupboard)
- Lunch or lunch money (Hot Lunch is \$2.75 - Milk 25 cents)

These school supplies you will leave at school:

- 12 pack of colored pencils
- 2 pencil pouches
- 1" binder (no bigger please)
- 3 highlighters, green, yellow and pink

There is one more thing I need you to bring. I want each of you to share something that tells about you. For example, if you love dragonflies, you might want to bring one in to share with the class. I really enjoy running, so I may bring in running shoes. It could be a favorite book, a souvenir from your travels or an award you have received. Bring your item in a brown paper bag on the first day of school and keep it a secret. We will take turns guessing what each other has brought the first 3 days of school.

If you have any questions you can call the Charter Office at 273-8723. I am looking forward to seeing you soon. Have fun at the fair.

Your teacher,

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