

August 2011



Dear Students,

I hope that you have had a wonderful, fun-filled summer. I spent a lot of time in my garden, working on home projects and did a bit of traveling for both fun and for school. I also spent days playing with my family, going on long walks and being with friends. 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 1st and 2nd grade students in Room 4. Many are returning students, while some are new to our school. We also have 4 new teachers this year. It will be fun to see each other again and make new friends too. 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 17th. School hours are from 8:30-3:00, Monday-Thursday, and 8:30-12:30 on Friday. I will be working in the classroom on Tuesday, August 16th from 2:00-3:00 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

2nd grade math students also need the following coins for math- we will work with these throughout the year. Please bring them in a zip lock with your name on it.

- 8 quarter
- 15 dimes
- 20 nickels
- 25 pennies

There is one more thing I need you to bring. I want each of you to share something that tells about you. For example, one year I brought in a dragonfly, because I love dragonflies. Another year I brought in running shoes, because I enjoy running. 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,
Lori Davis - Room 4