

August 2011

Hello,

Wow! The summer once again is almost gone and it is time for school to begin. The weather was wonderful and I got outside a lot. My summer was full of fun, adventure, boating, friends and family. My family and I went camping. We also got to go to Tahoe and Reno and enjoyed each other's company. I really treasure spending time with my children. I have also worked many hours getting the classroom ready for this year and our exciting expedition on "Bears, Bees, and Beyond."

As you probably know, school starts on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. School hours are from 8:30-3:00 Monday - Thursday and 8:30-12:30 on Friday. I will be working in our room on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-1:30 if you would like to come by and say "hello." We have a great crew this year and I know you will be excited to see your old friends and make some new ones as well. Our expedition this year will be, "Bears, Bees, and Beyond!" We are going to have so much fun learning and playing together in first grade.

**Here is a list of things you need for school:**

- ✎ A backpack (large enough to fit a 9X12 folder)
- ✎ 2 pee chee style folders
- ✎ a box of crackers to share with the class
- ✎ a 24-pack of Staples or Crayola brand twistable crayons (not the skinny ones)
- ✎ 6 **LARGE** glue sticks



Hot lunch will be available for \$2.75 or you can bring lunch from home.

There is one more thing I need you to bring: one item that you love and that tells something special about YOU! For example, you might want to bring in a toy car if you love cars, your favorite book, a stuffed animal, or a sports trophy. Think carefully about your item and bring it in on the second day of school. Hide it in a brown paper bag (put your name on the bag). We will share them the first two weeks of school.

If you have any questions you can call the Charter Office at 273-8723. I look forward to seeing you soon. We are going to have another outstanding year together!

Love Your Teacher,

Suzanne Mitchell