

September 8th, 2011

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you, and your child back to school. I hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I can tell the students are just as excited as I am to begin a new school year. Before things start to get busy, I would like to go over a few items so that the classroom routines will run smoothly and efficiently all year long!

### **SCHOOL BAGS**

Please make sure that your child has a good sized school bag. They will need to take textbooks, duo tangs, library books and agendas home for homework, as well as their lunch and gym strip. Students are not allowed to carry the books out of the classroom in their hands, books must be in their bags when they leave school. This will really help to decrease the number of lost items, ruined books, duo tangs and projects.

### **GYM STRIP**

The students need to have a full gym strip (including white socks!) in order to go to P.E.. **PLEASE** label each piece of your child's uniform and gym strip, including socks. Having all items labeled really helps out when we are looking for lost pants, shorts, blouse, gym T- and shirts.! This will also help the students change in and out of their uniforms quicker. The students must have a gym bag to hold their uniforms, this will greatly minimize lost items.

**\*\* The students will be attending PE on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays \*\***

*The students are to wear their PE strip to school on Wednesdays as they have PE first thing in the morning. Please remind them to bring their school uniform to change into after PE class.*

### **MONEY**

I will be collecting money from the students for various events throughout the year. The students are asked to bring money only in envelopes with their name, grade and event written on the front. This will really help minimize the time it takes to collect notices and money.

**Scholastic Book Orders:** When ordering books from Scholastic please send the correct amount under the BC column.

### **HOMEWORK & HOMEWORK PLANNERS**

The students will be writing their homework in their planners everyday. They will be initialed and checked by myself or a T.A. The planner will play a very important part in keeping your child organized throughout the year and, in addition, it will keep you informed

as to what your son/daughter must complete for homework. The students will be assigned homework almost everyday and will also be taking home any work that she/he should have completed during class time. This will help your child keep up with the class and not fall behind. Regular homework assignments should not take more than 40 minutes to complete.

If your child is having difficulty completing their homework, it is very important that you either write me a note or give me a call. Most of the homework assignments will be a continuation or review of an activity or concept covered in class. If your child continually gets frustrated over a certain assignment, it is important that I know so that we can give them the extra help they need to understand the concept. All homework planners **MUST** be initialed daily by a parent.

### SUPPLIES

For the students who ordered supplies I have sent them home so that they can be labeled with their name and school number and returned to school. Please label each item and items such as erasers should be labeled directly not on their plastic wrapper. Please have your child bring all their supplies in a **large Ziploc bag** that is also **labeled**. I will store the extra supplies such as pencils and glue sticks in their labeled Ziploc bags to replenish their supplies when necessary. All materials will be stored in class for the year. Supplies left over at the end of the year will be sent home. I would like all supplies in by Monday September 12, 2011. If further supplies are needed a notice will be sent home. The students must all have a pencil box/case to keep pencils, erasers, felts, etc..... . In order to complete some activities at home the students will need scissors, a ruler and a glue stick. Thank you for your help in organizing the supplies!

Your child's student number is \_\_\_\_\_.

### LUNCHES

The students are asked to bring a healthy lunch from home. What a student eats at recess and lunch really affects their energy levels and behaviour throughout the day. We are also trying to cut down on the amount of garbage in the school, thus, each student should have a proper lunch bag and sandwich or food container. As you may recall, the students are not allowed to drink pop. Water or milk are recommended.

I hope that these reminders will answer any questions you may have. If you have any concerns or questions about the information above or any other item, please feel free to contact me at school in the morning or in the afternoon.

I am exciting about the busy year ahead of us! Thank you for your co-operation!

Respectfully,  
Ms. N. Van den Bos

