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“ MORE TIDBITS”

Hi Families,

We have had a great start to the year and have enjoyed getting to know each other! We have a really great group this year and I am looking forward to working together and watching them grow! We have gone through a cycle plus of our schedule now and are learning routines every day. I have a few more items to let you know about as the year gets going.

Curriculum Info

To begin this year, we will complete Grade 2 review for all subject areas. Throughout the year Language Arts units will include reading and writing activities. In Social Studies this year, we will investigate the quality of life experienced by children in four diverse communities around the world—India, Tunisia, Ukraine and Peru—and compare these to our lives in Canada. In Science we have 5 units to work through—Rocks and Minerals, Hearing and Sound, Building Materials and Designs, Testing Materials and Designs, and Animal Life Cycles. In Gym, proper gym shoes are a must when we are in the gym to maintain safety. These shoes remain at school and can be worn as “indoor shoes” for the year.

Lunches

Thanks for the great lunches I am seeing brought to school. We **do not** have microwaves available for our students. They have a short time frame to have their lunch and cannot afford to lose valuable eating time waiting in lines to heat their food. This combined with some safety concerns for kids this age and overheating their food makes it more sensible to leave them out. Thermoses are an easy and excellent replacement if a warmer meal is desired. The school organizes a hot lunch usually once per month. These lunches need to be pre-ordered online.

We eat snacks at 10am before morning recess. Lunch is at noon before going out for the lunch recess. A few days in, please check with your student to ensure they have enough in their lunches to last them throughout the day. Please send a sealable water bottle for your student to use throughout the day inside the classroom as water fountains are not open to drink from. We do have a water bottle filling station right outside our classroom.

I will ask students not to trade or share food. Anything uneaten should come home. Empty drink boxes are brought home or put in our recycle bins. Thank you for providing cutlery in your child's lunch if needed.

** Please be aware that we remain a **nut-free school**.

Agendas:

Your student should be bringing home an agenda daily. These are an excellent way for us to communicate back and forth. It will contain information such as classroom and school newsletters/notes, spelling lists, and completed work. It is important that this agenda be returned every day as there is continuous information or messages to come home. Any information I need to know, days your student will be absent, days he/she has hot lunch, etc. can be written in the agenda and I will leave a quick message so you know it has been read.

Please sign/initial your student's agenda and send it back daily. Thanks!

Library Books:

Our library day is set on Day 2 of our schedule. We will begin signing out books next week. Students can exchange books during library time or before school if they miss the library day. The books signed out from the library are meant to be read at home. Students will be encouraged to change their books as often as they need to, but book exchange during our library time occurs every other library class.

Birthday Celebrations

For birthdays of the month, I celebrate them as they occur naturally throughout the year, but we will have a party at the end of every month where the students who have birthdays can pick the activity they would like to do to celebrate. If you wish to send a treat for your child's special day, let me know. I have some allergy concerns in this class and I would like to give those families the heads up so arrangements can be made for a treat for them. Please make sure what is provided are in individual servings for 26. Please remember - no nuts! ☺ Thanks for your assistance!

Newsletters

I will try to keep you informed as much as possible about what is going on in the classroom and in the school. Hopefully, you will find these reminders helpful. I will send home a newsletter at the start of each month, Included will be the curricular goals we are working on, important dates to remember, special events, and general information. I try to include any outcomes we are specifically working on in our core subjects that month so you can follow up with your student. You can also find our guided curricular outcomes on the Alberta Education website.

As always, please feel free to contact me through email at kwayne@cesd73.ca if you have any questions or need to let me know about something. While I am more than happy to chat after school or by phone, email is probably the easiest way to get a hold of me. Unless I am having a busy day, I will usually check emails during our breaks in the day and will try to get a response to you within 24 hours of your email, if required.

Thanks,

Kari Wayne

Important Dates:

- Sept. 14th—Picture Day
- Sept. 15th - International Dot Day - wear dots!!
- September 19 to September 25 – Tim Hortons SMILE Cookie Campaign in Support of Carstairs Elementary
- Sept. 19th - Online around town field trip consent forms due
- Sept. 22nd—Terry Fox Day (watch for more info to come)
- Sept. 23rd—No school for students
- Sept. 29th— Orange Shirt Day
- Sept. 29th - Subway lunch (order is due Sept. 20th)
- Sept. 30th - National Truth and Reconciliation Day (No school)