

Redding School of the Arts 2008-2009

Mr. Grooms

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Room 125! I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you very soon. I hope this letter will help you and your child prepare for the first week of school while answering any questions you may have.

School Supplies:

A large zippered three-ring binder may be used instead of a backpack. These binders work very well for homework assignments. Our classroom space is very limited and large backpacks tend to get in the way.

A box of sharpened #2 pencils (these will be your child's pencils for the year)

1 large container of moist hand wipes

Colored pencils (set of 12)

Watercolors (set of 8-Crayola and Prang work the best)

Box of crayons (16 or 24)

Pencil box (a 5"x8" size only please)

Washable markers (set of 8)

2 Glue sticks

Scissors

1 large box of tissues

1 roll of paper towels

1 container hand sanitizer

2 large pink erasers

Daily:

Please bring your zippered three-ring binder to school everyday.

Bring a nutritious snack for recess and a water bottle with your name on it.

Be sure that your children's clothing and other items (jackets, sweaters, coats, lunchbox, etc.) are labeled with their name.

The Office:

Parent Volunteers must visit the office to sign in and obtain a volunteer badge. If you plan to pick your child up early, you must go to the office *first* and sign them out. The office will contact the teacher to release your child.

Money:

Occasionally, it may be necessary for your child to bring money to school. Always send money in an envelope labeled with what the money is for and your child's name.

Book Orders:

Once a month your child will be bringing home book order forms. If you wish to order, please fill out the form and send in a check made out to Scholastic in an envelope. This is a great way to add to your family's home library and it also helps add to our classroom library.

Toys/Electronics:

Please leave all toys, electronics, stuffed animals, trading cards, etc. at home. They can be lost, damaged, and interfere with the learning environment. Students will have the opportunity to share special items on the first day of each week, when we have daily news and share.

Parent Volunteers:

You may begin volunteering in the classroom the second week of school. You can begin volunteering in the office, playground, lunchroom, etc. immediately if you like. I will have a volunteer sign-up sheet posted outside of the classroom door as well as at Back To School night on September 3. I will be looking for two volunteers willing to commit to working in the library for our class this year and I would also appreciate a parent presenting the Turtle Bay Museum Art Project once a month.

Communication:

I will be sending home weekly info on the Homework Packet. If you have any questions, concerns or find it necessary to relay any information regarding your child please feel free to contact me at school (247-6933), send me a note, or e-mail me at agrooms@suhsd.net. It is my belief that children profit most when parents and teachers work together.

Once again, I look forward to getting to know you all. Enjoy your last couple of days off!

Sincerely,
Mr. Grooms