

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to what is sure to be a fun filled 2008-2009 school year. We look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you very soon. We 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: please do not label unless specified

- Backpack (labeled with your child's name on the inside and large enough to hold a 8 1/2" by 11" size folder.)
- Colored Pencils (set of 12)
- 2 pink pearl erasers
- Washable Markers (set of 8)
- A box of #2 pencils
- 4 glue sticks

(Students will have a small space to store materials in so please keep sets limited to the number mentioned. All other necessary supplies will be provided.)

Other Supples: (these items would be extremely helpful but are not required)

- 1 large box of tissues
- 1 roll of paper towels or pack of baby wipes
- 1 package of loose leaf paper
- 1 ream of colored copy paper
- 1 box of large or small ziplock bags
- Antibacterial hand sanitizer or hand soap

Daily:

Please have your child bring their backpack to school every day. There will be many things including a homework folder that they will be responsible for carrying to and from school every day.

Bring a nutritious snack and a water bottle labeled with your child's name on

it.

Be sure that your child's clothing (jackets, sweaters, coats, 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 up your child 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 the correct amount of money or a check made out to the appropriate book company 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:

Please leave all toys, stuffed animals, trading cards etc. at home. They can be lost, damaged, and interfere with the learning environment. Children will have the opportunity to share special items when it is their turn to be "Student of the Week."

Parent Volunteers:

We are really looking forward to having parents involved and working in the

classroom. At Back to School Night we will have a sign up sheet for parents to let us know in what way they would like to help out in the classroom. If you have a particular interest/preference/time etc. this is when you can let us know so that we may plan you into our schedule. Parents can also feel free to stop in and check for projects in the volunteer basket in the classroom. We are looking for parents willing to commit to volunteering for the Art Docent program, organizing Saxon Math materials, handling Scholastic book orders, assembling class Memory Books & a Room Parent.

If you have any questions regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us at school (243-7145), send us a note, or e-mail us at phemeon@suhsd.net or rlahey@gwusd.org. Throughout the year we will be communicating with you through notes, newsletters, progress reports and conferences.

Once again, we look forward to getting to know you all. Enjoy your last few days off!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hemeon & Mrs. Lahey