

September 14, 2009

Dear Parents/Students,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Ms. Tonus and I am your child's new teacher. Many of you already know me, because I had the pleasure of teaching you last year. This will be a dynamic year of learning new things, and in the process having a lot of fun.

My classroom is a learning community where I consistently promote respect for self, for others, and for our school. Students will have the opportunity to work both individually and in groups. I will encourage your children to have high expectations of themselves, and to do their best work, while remembering that they can consult with me whenever it is necessary.

There will be silent reading time every day in class, so it will be important that your child always has a book to read. I have established a cozy reading corner for them. I have also assembled a large collection of books for their use. All of the books are from my own personal collection. Please encourage your child to borrow books and to return them in a timely way. All of my books will have my name (MS. TONUS) stamped on the inside front cover. If you find one at home, please send it back to school with your child. It is very important for your child's success that he/she read on a daily basis. To encourage this I will also be sending home Scholastic book forms for you and your children to view and order from.

At this time, I'd like to share with you one routine that I would like to establish as soon as possible, to ensure a successful start to the school year. Organizational skills will be a key element in my class to help students progress steadily. Your child is provided with an agenda/planner. I ask that you please sign this agenda every night, after having verified that your child has completed all his/her homework. The agendas will also add to the communication between home and school. If you have any comments or concerns, please feel free to write them directly into the agenda, as I will be doing the same. I will be checking the agendas and initialing them on a daily basis.

I like to get the students started on the right path for a successful year by preparing them ahead of time. Here is a list of supplies students need:

Pencil Case

Pencils

Erasers

Sharpener

Lined Three-Ringed Paper

Protractor

Markers

Glue

Hi-Lighters

Box of Kleenex

Water bottles (preferably stainless steel. Studies show that it is safer for the students and the environment.)

- Please do not purchase large binders for the students since the inside of their desks is too small to hold them. I will be providing the duotang folders they need.

Let me thank you in advance for your support during this school year. Should you have any questions, concerns or just an interest in meeting me, please contact me at the school, where my number is (905) 889-1858 ex120. I look forward to meeting you on Curriculum Night. (Thursday September 24, 2009)

Sincere regards,

Ms. Tonus