

**Mrs. Leonard's Grade 2  
Welcome Back!**

September 8, 2009

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Welcome! I am excited to be teaching your child this year. I look forward to getting to know all of my new friends and I know that this will be a fun and exciting school year for all of us.

Our September theme is called *All-About-Me*. In this unit, students will have the opportunity to learn and share information about themselves, their families and friends, as well as complete a variety of interesting *All-About-Me* activities. In Math, we will be working on our *Sorting* unit. Students will have the opportunity to sort a variety of different objects and materials. I look forward to getting our year rolling!

**Supplies**

The school will provide some supplies, however, it would be helpful if parents could supply their children with a pencil case that includes pencil crayons, pencils, markers, an eraser and a glue stick. I have attached the letter that was sent home in the final report card outline the required materials. Also, one box of tissues per term would be appreciated.

**Agenda**

Please purchase an agenda for \$8.00. The agenda serves as an important and convenient way for both parents and teachers to communicate with each other. All notes and forms from the school are sent home in the plastic folder at the back. It is also where students print their weekly spelling lists and practice their writing skills by completing a daily entry. The agenda goes home each evening and is returned the next morning. It is a valuable communication resource for parents, teachers and students.

## Homework

The focus of the homework in *Grade Two* is reading. It is important that your child reads to you and you read to your child very day. Once I have determined your child's reading level he/she will be receiving a leveled reader and reading log each evening. Please have your child read the leveled reader to you. Then, have your child write the title of the book in the correct column and please place your initials in the appropriate box. Feel free to write a comment if you have any questions or concerns in the comments box. The reader and reading log must be returned to me every morning. I will check that the book has been read and that the reading log has been initialed. If the reading log has been completed in full, I will send home another reader. Your interest, involvement, and support in helping your child to complete the reading log will be greatly appreciated.

Other homework and educational items will be sent home periodically (e.g., Friday spelling quiz, journal writing, practice math sheets and small assignments). These items as well as the leveled readers will be sent home in the assigned plastic zip lock bag.

## Entry and Dismissal

Before and after school can be a confusing and busy time, please help me by remaining outside the school doors during entry and dismissal. The children will be walked to the school doors by myself or another teacher responsible for the class and dismissed from there.

## Lunches and Snacks

Proper nutrition for children is an essential part of their development and education. Parents are responsible for providing a **healthy** morning snack and lunch. Please keep treats and sweets at home and provide your child with healthy alternatives. Children should bring everything they need for their lunch (forks, spoons, etc) and due to the nut-free policy at Bayview Fairways, I must request that **no peanuts, tree nuts or shellfish products be brought to school.**

## **Birthdays**

Your child may wish to share a birthday treat with the class. If you choose to send a treat, please let me know. Fruit plates and cheese and crackers are great choices. It must be nut-free and please no sugary treats. Remember to include plates and utensils if necessary.

## **Indoor Shoes and Clothing**

Please make sure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes, which will be kept and used, indoors at school. Children will be asked to change into their indoor shoes when they enter the classroom regardless of the weather outside. This will help keep our classroom floors and carpet clean.

Outdoor play is part of our daily program in all seasons. We will go out every day except when it is raining or extremely cold. Please dress your child appropriately for outdoor play, especially during the winter months and please put your child's name on all removable clothing

## **Parent Volunteers**

Your participation throughout the school year is always encouraged and appreciated. It is wonderful to have helpers in the classroom to assist with reading, arts and crafts, scholastic book orders etc. Please let me know if you're available.

## **Class Calendar**

Curriculum Night is on Thursday, September 24 and I look forward to sharing more about grade expectations, themes and units. I have also attached our monthly calendar and daily schedule. Please post the calendar and take note of any important upcoming events, trips or holidays. On the days we have Physical Education please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear. Also, mark the days we have library / book exchange and ensure that your child's library book is returned to school on that day. This calendar also has the name of the day's Special Helper. If

your child's name appears as the Special Helper your child will have the opportunity to assist in many of the important classroom jobs and be the first one to complete some of the days activities. It is also a special day for your child as they have the chance to share something about themselves to the class. This month show and share theme is All-About-Me. **Please send in a baby picture of your child for them to present to the class.** If your child misses their day please feel free to send it another day and I will make sure that they have another chance to share.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 905-889-1858 extension 114. The best time is before or after school. Or you can leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Leonard  
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