

June 2009

Dear Parents,

It is with great excitement that I announce that I will be your child's teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. We will have a great time in class, and we are going to continue to learn a great deal together.

When I say together, I mean all of us...your child, you and me! We will work together as a team with a common goal. That goal is to educate and nurture your son or daughter to prepare them for not only Middle School but for life beyond. You see, I believe firmly that we all must work together if the children are to succeed. I can't do it alone; you can't do it alone; certainly the students can't do it alone.

Please be involved in your child's studies. Learn math and participial phrases all over again along with them! The rewards for active participation in your child's education are hard to see on a day-to-day basis, but they will manifest themselves down the road, I assure you.

I pledge to you that I will do my utmost best for your child. I will work to make him or her a better person- more responsible, more caring, and more educated! I pledge to you that I will work to the best of my ability to teach the subject so your child will arrive at the other end of this year with a better understanding of the material. I will work closely with the Middle School teachers to assure a smooth progression into 6th grade. I pledge to care for your child while in the school so as to increase his or her self-worth. Each child is important to me. There are no losers in my room. True, there will be students that demonstrate behavior that is unacceptable, and we must deal with it. I will try to be fair and open about the problems, and I will let you know of any - if, and when they arise. I pledge to keep you informed of all that is happening in my class. I will communicate through the class web site, e-mail, and telephone calls so that you will know when your child has done something wonderful or something not so great. I will be open to your communication. You may send e-mail, call the school, or schedule a conference with me.

However, to accomplish all of this, my goals will include not only teaching the required 5th Grade Curriculum and bringing all their skill levels up to the highest extent, but also enhancing the students' organizational and self-management skills. I believe that each child is capable of learning all of what is expected of them and will continue to raise the bar and expect more from your children than what they did in 4th grade. They can do it, for I have no doubt. I will need your help in raising this bar and ask that you expect the same level of organization, accountability and responsibility of your child that I do.

From all this, I hope that you have gotten the idea that I will take my job seriously, and I want to do the best for your son or daughter while they are in my care. Let's work to make this a great year!

Sincerely,

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Emergency Supplies

In a gallon size ziplock bag (labeled with student's name) include the following:

1. 2 drinks (juice in aluminum cans are best. No plastic or cardboard juice boxes, no carbonated beverages and NO glass.)
2. 2 meats (such as tuna, chicken, Vienna sausage)
3. 2 sweets (such as puddings, granola bars)
4. 2 fruits (such as fruit rolls, raisins, dried fruits, trail mix)
5. 1 large trash bag

*Foods must be commercially sealed in paper, plastic, or pop-top cans. Remember to check expiration dates. You want these items to last until June of 2010. Also include 2 plastic spoons and a change of underwear, packed discreetly.

*Label with student's name a litter size plastic bottle of water (to be kept separate but near bag of emergency supplies in classroom).

*Please bring these items to school by the **2nd Friday after school begins.**

Items that are not packed in a gallon size ziplock bag will be sent back home due to limited space in the classroom. Thank you.

St. Timothy School
~ Fifth Grade Supply List ~

Dear Parents:

The following is a fifth grade supply list of the items needed for the 2009-2010 school year. Your help is certainly appreciated in purchasing these items. **Please do not put your child's name on the items that have an asterisk next to them. These items will be used as a community supply and handed out as needed.** If possible, please keep those supplies plain and simple.

In addition to the supplies below, I am also asking for a \$6.00 cash donation per child. I will be purchasing and putting together binders and other materials to help keep your child organized throughout the school year (more information will come home regarding the binders during the first week of school). I have found in the past it is easier if I just purchase all the supplies together and collect the money afterward. This will enable me to have the binders ready for your child on the first day. Please have your child bring their money in a marked envelope the first week.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jensen

- * (2) Composition Books (Black & White books with sewn binding)
- * (6) Glue Sticks
- * (1) Bottle of Glue
- * (2) Boxes of Kleenex Tissues
- * (2) Fine Point Black Markers
- * (3-4 dozen) #2 Pencils (no mechanical pencils please)
- * (4) Red Correcting Pens
- * (3-4) Packages of Wide Rule Lined Three Hole Punched Paper
- * (1 ream) of Plain White Printer Paper
- * (1 ream) of Multi-color Printer Paper
- * (1 Packet) of construction paper (see for what color below)
 - White – Boys
 - Black – Girls
- * Highlighters
- * Eraser Caps
- * Dry Erase Markers (minimum 2)
- * (2-3 bottles) Anti-bacterial cleanser wipes
- * (1-2 packages) Glade PlugIns Scented Oil (In Fresh Summer or Rainshower)
- \$5.00 for assignment notebook which is supplied by the school
- Cloth book covers for all texts (about 9 total texts)
- Clear contact paper for all workbooks (about 7 total workbooks)
- Clean Tube Sock (used to erase white boards)
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Rosary (We pray the rosary weekly sometimes daily)
- Markers (No Sharpies or permanent markers)
- Ruler (12 inch Wood or Hard Plastic)
- Six (10) Blank California Postcards – We will participate in a Postcard Exchange in which we will send and receive 2 postcards from a different school in each state. This will tie into our Social Studies curriculum in which we study all 50 states.
- Emergency Supplies (please make sure they are in a gallon sized ziplock bag only)
- Completed ITBS workbook that was given to your child to work on over the summer in 4th grade. Remember this is the first graded assignment.

Classroom Wish List of other items can be found on the other side of this page – any donations are greatly appreciated!!!
Thank you for your support.

Classroom Wish List

Below is a list of small and BIG wish list items that would help enhance our classroom. If you are interested in purchasing one of the bigger items please contact me. Thank you for your support.

- Healthy Snacks in individual packages – these are used as prizes (no peanut products please)
- 6 sets of computer headphones with microphones
- Classroom Set of Stopwatches
- 8 or more color set of Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Wireless remote for LCD Projector / Laptop so I can move around the room easily while presenting lessons
- Swivel Sweeper Cordless Swivel Sweeper 360 Degree Vacuum
- Miscellaneous art supplies (non-drying modeling clay, glitter, sequins, tissue paper, etc)
- Extension Cord Cover to prevent tripping
- Gift Cards to any one of these stores: www.teachingstuff.com (I prefer this store because of their stock of intermediate grade items), Oriental Trading, Staples, Blinks Art Store, any bookstore, or Dollar Stores.

Big Ticket Items:

- Elmo Projector – this takes the place of overhead projectors and eliminates the need for transparencies. It will project anything that is put underneath the camera – it's an amazing tool and extremely helpful when working with the students with manipulatives that are too small for them to see from their desks.
- 2-3 Digital Cameras that are kid friendly for projects (they don't need to be expensive)