



September 9, 2011

Dear Grade Two Parents,

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! I am looking forward to the months ahead and to working with your children.

New Students

We are pleased to welcome several new students to the Grade Two class. They are:

Eleanor Aycock
Sophia Moloo
Victoria Werdnik

Celia Batchelor
Ntsana Pheko

Lydia James-Brennan
Xela Smith

Uniform

Please refer to the uniform requirements outlined on the School website (parents → uniforms – scroll to Uniform Requirements 2011-2012). All clothing and personal items should be clearly labelled and PHE uniform should be kept in a **small cloth/vinyl gym bag** to avoid lost items. PHE classes are held three times per week.

Supplies

Students should keep a pencil case containing several pencils and erasers and a package of coloured pencils at school. Glue, markers, rulers and scissors will be provided in class. Students should also keep a paint smock at school for use during art activities.

Organization

This year, the students will learn to use an agenda to record their homework. We have discussed the purpose and importance of using an agenda and that it is to come to school each day. Please check your child's agenda each night for homework assignments and notes from school.

Homework

The students will be asked to spend time each day reading. Math, spelling and activities connected to our Units of Inquiry may also be assigned. Students in Grade Two should spend approximately 20 minutes on homework each day.

Birthdays

We will acknowledge each birthday in our class as it occurs throughout the year. If you wish, you may send small treats to school on that day, but please remember **nut and sesame seed products are not permitted at school.**

Communication

I use the student agenda as the primary means of written communication between classroom and home. The agendas are checked each day as part of our morning routine allowing me to see if there are any messages from you and to provide you with a prompt response. You may also reach me by email at bhuggins@elmwood.ca. In addition, please do not hesitate to speak to me in the classroom if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Library

Students may borrow two library books each week. Books are returned to the book cubby in the classroom.

In conclusion, several important events such as a Welcome Back Barbecue, the Terry Fox Run, and School Photos are scheduled for the month of September. Please refer to the Junior School Scanner (sent electronically on Thursday) for more information. The students have demonstrated great enthusiasm during the first week of school. I am confident that the year ahead will be enjoyable and productive!

Sincerely,

Brenda Huggins
Grade Two Teacher