

Kristin's Class Newsletter

Clara Barton Open School * September 2, 2008*

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Dear Families,

Where did the summer go? We've had our old-class/new-class party, meet your teacher night and the school pot luck picnic, and Meghan and I (with help from AJ and Amanda Sonquist) have put the finishing touches on room 102. The first newsletter makes it official- School is about to begin!

Once Upon a Time

We'll start the year with a study of fairy tales that help us identify our hopes and dreams and highlight social skills that are essential for academic growth. Our first is Cinderella! We'll read traditional and multicultural versions. All show Cinderella as a problem solver whose kindness and ability to articulate hopes and dreams help her create a happy life! You'll learn more about our curriculum on Parent Information Night.

The Newsletters

You should look for a newsletter in your child's backpack every Monday. I write it at home on Sunday nights, and I will email the newsletter to you if I have your email address. This is very helpful to me all year long. If you didn't get an email Sunday night, drop me

a note! You'll want to be on the list.

The newsletters will keep you up to date on class happenings, trips and other things to know. Careful reading of the weekly newsletter will help you form good questions to ask your children about school.

Homework

Starting next week, there will be some **optional** homework on the back of every newsletter. This week's homework is to fill out and return every item in the ziplock your child carried home today. I'll give you more info on homework at Parent Information Night.

Going Home

What are your child's daily "going home" arrangements? It's very important that you let me know with email, phone call or a note what the regular arrangements are. Especially let me know with a note if there is a change from the expected arrangement. I will not allow your child to make playdate arrangements while at school, or go home with a friend unless I have heard from you personally. Emails will work if they are well in advance- like a couple days!

Thanks...

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For all of the wonderful supplies
you have sent so far. We're off to
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