

Kristin's Class Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It sure was a big weekend for Clara Barton Open School! Our own Amber Damm, middle school Language Arts teacher won Minnesota Teacher of the year! Our class is excited that she gets to meet President Obama later this year. We are so proud of Amber and honored to be in a school that supports such a fine, progressive educator.

Between Ramona Quimby, Amanda's birthday, May day and allergy season, I didn't get to writing the newsletter on Sunday or Monday night. The other big news for my family was that Emerson school (where my grandsons are in first and fourth grades) closed for 5 days due to a suspected swine flu case! If your kids are sick, it's best to keep them home; I know it's hard to tell in allergy season which is "sick" and which is "annoyed sinuses." You be the judge; we'll be using lots of soap and water, and hand sanitizer if soap and water are impossible. Just in case, have a plan for your kids if we have an "Emerson" situation here at Barton. I bet we won't, but you never know. We have lots wonderful activities planned this week, so try to get here if you can!

Camping

We are full speed ahead with getting ready for camp. If you are lending a tent, please bring it in this week. Label EVERYTHING with your name, and let us know how many kids can sleep in it. If you volunteered to shop, expect a call this week to get you started. If your forms aren't in- now's the time!

The Weather Project

Our last project of the year is upon us! We'll send the directions home today. Watch for it!

Meghan

Meghan is doing well and has already passed the mid-point of her student teaching! She has taken over lots of lessons, but I am sticking around most of the time. The week after camp, Meghan will take over for full time student teaching.

We Need:

Used flimsy plastic bags from the grocery store, Target, Walgreens, etc. We're recycling them for sit-upons at camp!
Individually packaged snacks. Not eco-friendly at all, but the mice are still here, chowing down.
Table wipes!
Thanks! Kristin