



# Kindergarten Mrs. Bancroft October 2009

## Open House

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Open House. Your interest and support of your child's education are very important in his/her success at school. I am looking forward to a wonderful year!



## Birthdays

Birthdays are very special days for young children. When your child has a birthday, you are welcome to send in cupcakes or brownies for the class to enjoy at snack time. Due to allergies, please do not send in any treats containing nuts.

We do have several summer birthdays. Please let me know if we should celebrate your child's summer birthday one day in June or on your child's half birthday (i.e. 5 1/2). There are 21 students in the class. I can guarantee a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday."

As stated in the Parent/Student handbook, party invitations may be distributed at school only if all members of the class or all boys or all girls are being invited.

## Snacks

I would like to put in an additional request that you send in snacks that are healthy. With all the publicity that childhood obesity has been receiving, I am concerned when I see brownies, cookies and other sugary treats arriving on a regular basis. Please, let's save such treats for birthdays and other special occasions at school. Also, our snack time is not very long, so please send only one food item to accompany the drink.



## Halloween

I'd like to mark the occasion of Halloween with a special snack and story on Friday, October 30. If you would like to contribute to our celebration, drink boxes, popcorn, and holiday treats would be appreciated. Children will have an opportunity to show their costumes to each other on the preceding Friday, October 23, at the party which our PTO is

sponsoring. Please do not send costumes to school on October 30. Except for the snack and story, we will be doing regular school work.

## Book Clubs

I am sending home the October fliers for the Scholastic Firefly and SeeSaw Book Clubs. I feel that these clubs provide opportunities to get books and other literacy materials into the home at reasonable prices. When you order from Scholastic, our classroom earns "points" which I can redeem for additional books and classroom materials. If you do choose to order, please make the check payable to Scholastic Books. If you are ordering from both fliers, you can combine the total amount due onto one check. Please send the order forms and payment in your child's daily folder by Friday, October 9.

## Reading

Please continue to practice letter naming (upper and lower case) with your child. Research shows that children who can identify all letters automatically tend to be more successful readers. Also, knowing the sight words (so far, I, am, the, and little) when they see them, will help in reading successfully.

Try to read daily to your child and have your child read the little books they bring home to you. Parents have told me that the booklets fit nicely in a shoe box. Perhaps your child could decorate the box and "show off" by reading for family members and guests at your home.

Next week we will begin working on letter sounds to help children sound out unfamiliar words.

## Dismissal

If you are picking up your child from school, please come forward to greet your child. The kindergarten teachers take turns dismissing the children and we can not be sure which adult is waving to which child. We want to be sure every child stays safe.

Mrs. Bancroft