

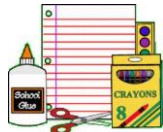
Room 2 Families...



Just a quick reminder: **School starts tomorrow**, Tuesday, January 10th. I am hoping you all had a restful and fun-filled vacation. For those of you who have been mumbling and grumbling about a certain 4th grade teacher, who *happened to assign* a Mission Project over break, fear not!

As far as the Mission Project.... If an extra week is needed to complete your child's project, I won't penalize the kids. I realize some families did not have time during this vacation to work on the projects (hence the reason I informed y'all about it early Nov.). Therefore, for those who need: I would prefer extending the due date (again, only if needed) so the effort is still strong and the final product is something the kids are proud to share with their peers. At the very latest, your child may hand in his/her project on January 18th. The original due date is January 11th, this Wednesday. Miss Scanlon graciously lets us display our projects (models, project boards, journals, etc.) in the library, so please stop on by in the coming weeks to check out the great variety of projects!

On a side note: **<BINDERS and SUPPLIES>** please have your child's binder in decent working condition. Many children's binder clips are not meeting correctly and papers are therefore falling out. Perhaps it is time for a new binder. Are your child's dividers still labeled and in order? Does your child have a place for bringing home notes to you from school as well as a place to keep current homework? Are papers in their correct subject/place? Does your child still have all the necessary supplies for school?



Prior to break, many children were complaining of scissors that didn't fit their fingers or the fact that they were out of glue sticks. I did purchase a large amount of pens, highlighters, and pencils during the summer, but these too run out. Please ask your child if they have everything they need to be ready to work.

A supply box, sharpened pencils, a hand held sharpener (with a catch), markers/colored pencils or crayons, binder paper, erasers, highlighters, dry erase markers, glue sticks, scissors, a ruler, and a calculator (optional). My class set of calculators have seemed to walk off and disappear. Showing up to school prepared to start the New Year off right will be a great beginning for your children.

Please note on your calendars that Monday, January 16 is a holiday in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be no school next Monday.

I would also like to take this time to introduce you to Mrs. Rosana Rolph, a talented and experienced "Student Teacher." Mrs. Rolph worked with me last school year and did a fantastic job working with the children at Robert Down. She will be sending a note home soon introducing herself to you. The current plan is for her to work with us on Tuesdays, Thursday mornings, and Fridays. She has raised her two wonderful children in PG and has spent many years at RHD. We are very fortunate to have Rosana Rolph as a part of our class!

Again, I wish you all a festive 2012 filled with good health and lots of new memories to cherish.

Regards,

Karen Levy

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