

August 2009

Hi New Young Five!

My name is Mrs. Henderson and I will be your teacher this year! I'm so excited to meet you! We are going to have such wonderful and fun times learning! I have all sorts of great books that I'll read to you with my awesome puppet friends. I even do an occasional magic trick!

Our classroom is chock full of interesting and cool stuff. I have lots of puzzles, toys and games for you to play with during "Free Time". We have many fun "Centers" too; like the Imagination Station with a little kitchen, and a big trunk full of dress up clothes with a Bat Man and Spider Man outfit and princess dresses with high heels. Our Science Centers are also a big hit, along with the Writing and Mailbox Station and Puppet Theatre. Our school has a big playground for you to play on during recess too! You'll love the slide, swings and monkey bars!

Here are just a few fun things for you to look forward to this school year: In October, we'll be going on a fieldtrip to an apple orchard where we'll pick out a class pumpkin and go for a hayride. In January, we go bowling. During the year we have several fun celebrations like a Halloween costume Party and a Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social. **Every** month I have something extra-special planned for us!

Learning math, writing, reading, geography and science will be soooooo much fun! Our first themed-unit is on dinosaurs! On your first day I will have a little dinosaur at your table for you to keep!

I can't wait to meet you. I hope you can come to our Treasure Hunt Open House. Have a great rest of the summer!

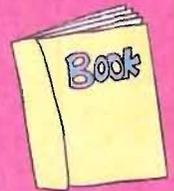
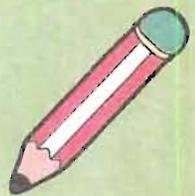
Love and Hugs from your teacher,

*Mrs. Henderson*

Mrs. Henderson ☺



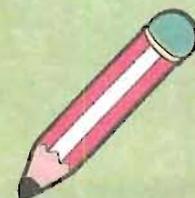
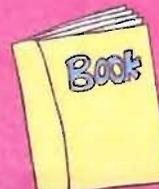
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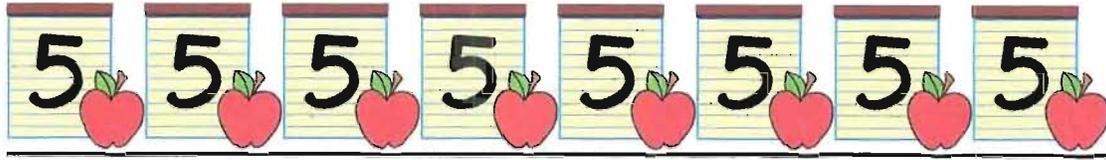


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**Yes I'd Like To Help!**

**Name:**

**Child's Name:**

**Phone Number:**

Please check all that apply:

**I'd like to help with the following:**

- I'd like to chaperone the **FIELDTRIP(S)**. (There are 2. One in September or October to Nelson's Farm Market for our apple & pumpkin study and one in January to go bowling in Sparta.)
- I'm willing to donate some prizes for treat bags on party days.
- I'm willing to donate food for party days.
- I'm willing to help chaperone **in class** on party days. ( The times I need the most help are in the morning from 8:15-9:30) and then again for gross motor and game activities from 9:45-10:30.
- I'm willing to come work in the class on special theme days. ( The times I need the most help are in the morning from 8:15-9:30 & 9:45-10:30
- I can volunteer in the classroom. (Day(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Time(s) that are convenient for me: \_\_\_\_\_.
- I can be an at-home helper and help cut out laminated things, assemble things etc. to get them ready for the students.
- I can come in and help during center time when the children are doing hands-on activities from 8:30-9:30

Thanks in advance for your help! You are soooo appreciated. I know you will be blessed and so will we! ☺

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Hi Families of our Young Fives!

You & your child are cordially invited to the Young Five's Open House.

**DATE: Thursday, August 27th**

**TIME: 6:30**

**PLACE: Kent City Elementary School**

- The Kindergarten and Young Five's Open House is **earlier** than the other grades. We like to have the school all to ourselves!
- Attending Open House is a fun way for your child to meet me and get to know their school. It definitely heightens excitement for the 1<sup>st</sup> Day and chases away sometimes "scary feelings" and anxieties about school.
- When you come to our Open House, please go in the FRONT entrance of Orchard Trails. Follow the signs to find our room.
- Open House is very informal. To make it even more fun, the Y5's Open House is a **Treasure Hunt!**
- Enclosed you will find a checklist of the things I want your child to find and do. *Please remember to bring that paper and the stickers to Open House. (Please fill out the "We Need Your Help" paper enclosed and bring that too. You can also bring in your child's school supplies as well. Please put them in a baggy with their name on it. ☺) There will be labeled baskets for you to deposit these items in. Thanks much for your cooperation.)*
- When they have done all 11 things, they can crawl through the blue tunnel and choose a girl or boy Treasure Box! The sticker-list is theirs to keep, perhaps for a b. board or scrapbook.
- Make sure you pick up their **Student Packet**. It's a large manila envelope with their name on it. Everything you'd like to know about Young Fives is in there, including their very important "How I get home" name tag that you need to fill out and have them wear **everyday.**

**Young Fives:**

- I hope you are having a super summer.
- I am busy working in our classroom so that it will be ready for Open House and our first day of school.
- I hope you color the frogs so you know when the big day arrives!
- I also have a dinosaur for you to color in your Student Packet at Open House that we'll be sharing on the first day of school. I call it an "Ice-Breaker-Friend-Maker."
- That special day will soon be here! I hope you are as excited about this as I am! There will be lots of new friends for you to meet and really fun and extra special things for you to do.

I can't wait to meet you!  
I'm so glad you're in my class!  
Love & Hugs from your teacher,  
Mrs. Henderson ☺

*Mrs.  
Henderson  
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Bring This Paper & the Stickers To The...

## Open House Treasure Hunt

Here's a checklist of what I'd like you to do when you get here. I have enclosed stickers for you to put on this paper as you do each of the following fun things:

- Find your NAME on the bulletin board.
- Find your locker; it will have your nametag on it.
- Peek in our room, but please don't take things out to play with, as I have everything ready for our first day!
- Have an adult sign the "I was at Open House" sheet.
- Have an adult Turn in their Helper Sheet. If they forgot it, they can send it later, or sign up again.
- Pick up your big Student-Packet envelope.

Make sure you complete your "getting-to-know-you" dinosaur and bring it on the first day. Lots of important stuff is in this envelope, especially your nametag.

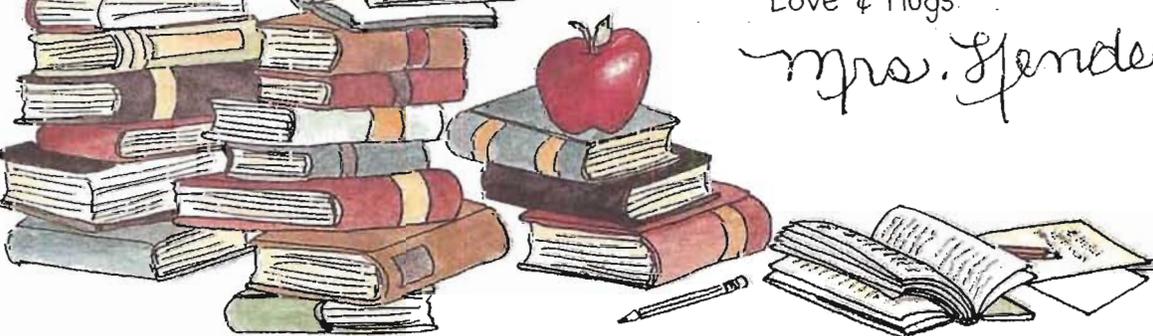
- Find Mrs. Henderson and introduce yourself and family to her.
- Go outside and look at our cool playground
- Check out & explore the rest of our beautiful school!
- Take a ride on the school bus if you want to.

When you've done all this, then you can go claim your treasure! It's a black "Secret Box"! Please **DON'T** open it 'til you get home. I hope you can figure out how to unlock it *all by yourself!* Enjoy!

☺ Hope to see you there! ☺

Love & Hugs

*Mrs. Henderson*



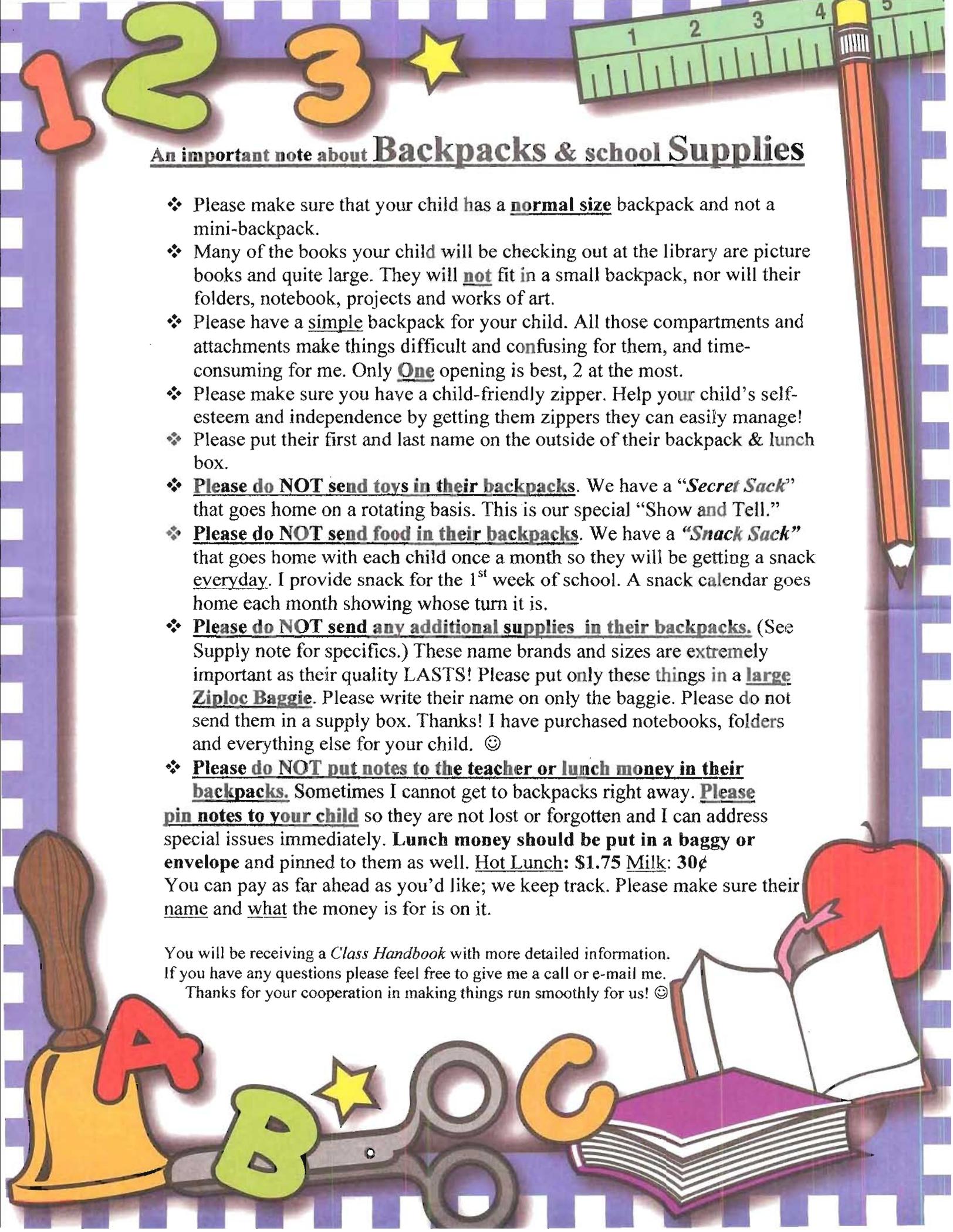


# These are the **supplies** your child will need for Young Fives:

- ❖ 4 large Elmer's Glue Sticks
- ❖ 2 small Elmer's Glue Sticks
- ❖ 1 24-count Crayola crayons (You can buy a bigger box if you want to, but they have to have at least 24.)
- ❖ 1 pen-size YELLOW high lighter. (Not a fat marker)

Please buy these name brands. They have the best quality and are longer lasting. Please put them in a Ziplock Baggie with your child's name on it. You can bring the baggie with you to Open House if you'd like. There will be a basket to put them in there! Thanks much! If you'd like to donate a box of boutique size Kleenex (the square box) or a box of ziplock baggies (any size) that would be appreciated.

Thank  
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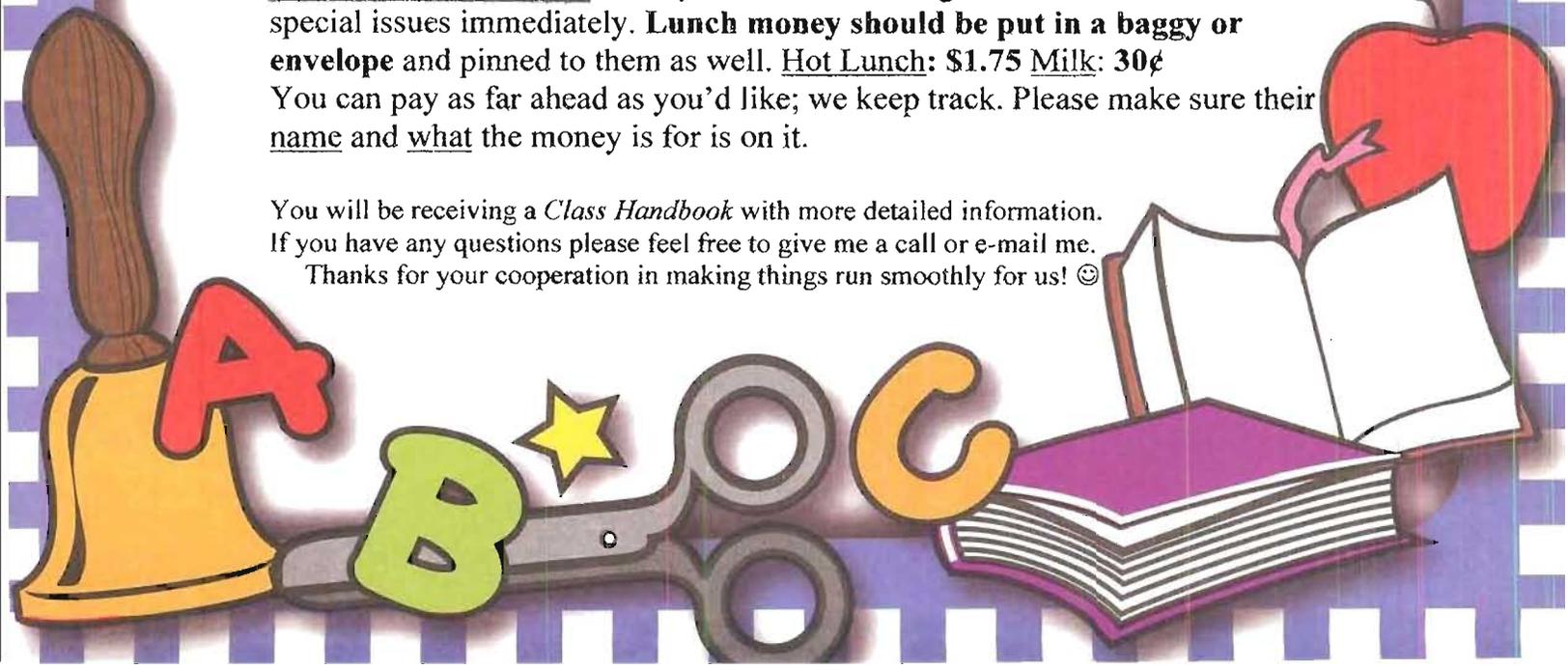


## An important note about Backpacks & school Supplies

- ❖ Please make sure that your child has a **normal size** backpack and not a mini-backpack.
- ❖ Many of the books your child will be checking out at the library are picture books and quite large. They will **not** fit in a small backpack, nor will their folders, notebook, projects and works of art.
- ❖ Please have a **simple** backpack for your child. All those compartments and attachments make things difficult and confusing for them, and time-consuming for me. Only **One** opening is best, 2 at the most.
- ❖ Please make sure you have a child-friendly zipper. Help your child's self-esteem and independence by getting them zippers they can easily manage!
- ❖ Please put their first and last name on the outside of their backpack & lunch box.
- ❖ **Please do NOT send toys in their backpacks.** We have a "Secret Sack" that goes home on a rotating basis. This is our special "Show and Tell."
- ❖ **Please do NOT send food in their backpacks.** We have a "Snack Sack" that goes home with each child once a month so they will be getting a snack **everyday**. I provide snack for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school. A snack calendar goes home each month showing whose turn it is.
- ❖ **Please do NOT send any additional supplies in their backpacks.** (See Supply note for specifics.) These name brands and sizes are extremely important as their quality LASTS! Please put only these things in a **large Ziploc Baggie**. Please write their name on only the baggie. Please do not send them in a supply box. Thanks! I have purchased notebooks, folders and everything else for your child. ☺
- ❖ **Please do NOT put notes to the teacher or lunch money in their backpacks.** Sometimes I cannot get to backpacks right away. **Please pin notes to your child** so they are not lost or forgotten and I can address special issues immediately. **Lunch money should be put in a baggy or envelope** and pinned to them as well. **Hot Lunch: \$1.75 Milk: 30¢**  
You can pay as far ahead as you'd like; we keep track. Please make sure their name and **what the money is for** is on it.

You will be receiving a *Class Handbook* with more detailed information. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call or e-mail me.

Thanks for your cooperation in making things run smoothly for us! ☺





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welcome  
Bookmark  
& sticker  
a pack of  
Smartie  
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on the  
back.



The sticker

label I make

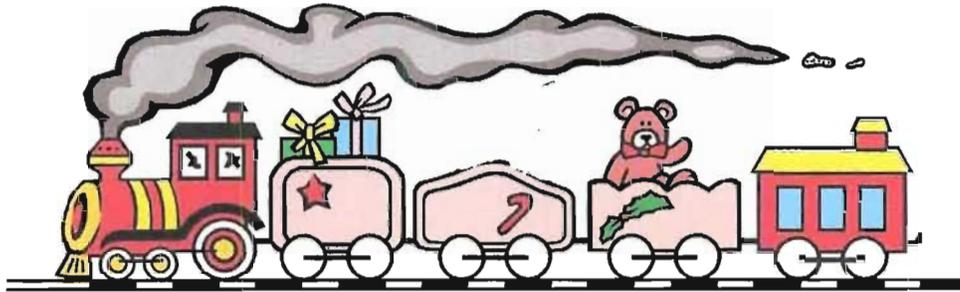
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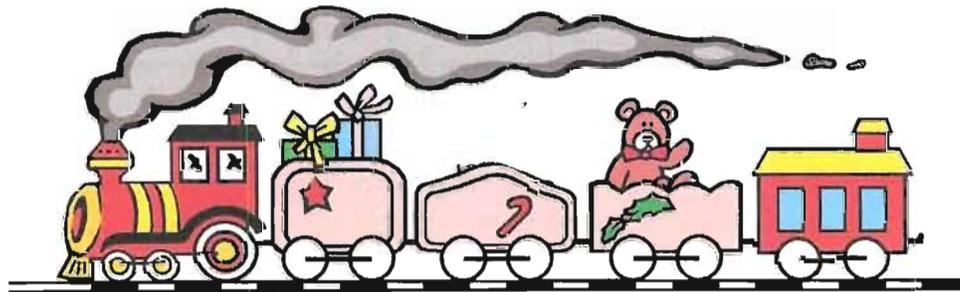
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**Classroom Ticket**  
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I'm hopping off to school in just 10 days!



