

Dear Families,

Welcome and welcome back! I am thrilled and excited to work with your children and families this year! I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer break, and is ready to start our important work!

**\*A Message for Students\***

If you haven't already been doing so, start practicing those multiplication tables now. We will begin daily timed multiplication tests on day one! New this year-we will have daily tests for the first week, then weekly tests through the rest of the year. Also, I'm sure you have all been reading great books over the summer-keep that up! Every student is expected to read for 30 minutes every day in our class, which may seem like a lot if you haven't kept up practice. Now is a good time to gradually limit your screen time. Exercise your brain by being outside in nature or making art or building something to get it in shape for learning! We will be going to Mountain Trail Outdoor School in early October this year. This trip typically costs \$140 per child, so now is a good time to start earning some money and saving up!

**\*Parents\***

In the first month of school, we will begin homework, which includes Word Within the Word, a vocabulary program. New students will receive and bring home a folder containing the first 30 lists. Test day is Wednesday. I need volunteers to come in and check tests on Wednesday in the morning or afternoon. I will be sending out a sign up for volunteers soon.

\*\*\*\*\*There is a list of required supplies on the back of this sheet. If you did not order the supply pack, please make sure you have all the required supplies ***on the first day of school!*** There are a few requirements beyond what's in the supply pack, so please read the list, even if you are ordering a pack.\*\*\*\*\*

Parents, please make sure that you are registered as a volunteer for the upcoming school year. Any adult who is not registered may not participate in activities with the children, including such simple things as coming in to eat lunch with your child in the cafeteria. It is very easy to register at <https://www.cmsvolunteers.com/>. If you can register with driving privileges, please do so! We have a weekly field trip to the Soup Kitchen and you need to have driving privileges to chaperone for that.

Upper El lunchtimes start at around 12.45, so even if your child buys lunch in the cafeteria, they will need to bring a snack to eat during the morning.

New families, please email me at [christina1.geiger@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:christina1.geiger@cms.k12.nc.us) to introduce yourselves and your child and so I have your contact info. Also, please join our class Facebook page- "Ms. Christy's Class". You have to request permission to join, so please send me a message letting me know who you are! Grandparents also welcome!

I look forward to seeing you at Open House and to having a great year together--enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely, Christy Geiger

### **Supply List for Upper EI 2019-20**

The following supplies are available in a pack from the School Store. The link to buy is in the Weekly E-Bulletin and on the PTO website. In addition to the pack or the items in the pack, your child will also need to bring in a **pair of headphones or earbuds**.

- 3 12-pack Ticonderoga pencils
- 2 .77 oz glue sticks
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 pack of 150 sheet wide ruled loose-leaf paper
- 1 hand held pencil eraser
- 5 composition books (wide ruled)-NOT spiral
- 2 quad ruled 4 squares per inch composition books-NOT spiral or with tear-out pages
- 1 12-pack colored pencils
- 1 plastic 2-pocket, 3-pronged folders
- 1 metal, hand-held pencil sharpener-NOT battery-operated

**\*\*ALL Students will need a pair of headphones or earbuds, labelled with their name.**

**\*\*All NEW students (4th grade and anyone new to the school) will need a 1.5 inch binder and 10 dividers for Art. Returning students should bring theirs from last year back in at the start of the year.**

**\*\*4th Grade-Please bring in a container of disinfecting wipes (7th Generation brand preferred) and one roll of paper towels**

**\*\*5th and 6th Grade-Please bring in a can of disinfecting spray (7th Generation brand preferred) and one roll of paper towels**