Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you back to a new school year! I hope everyone had a restful and safe summer. My name is Mrs. Green and I will be your child’s teacher this year, I am really looking forward to teaching your child and getting to know you and your families. During these first few of weeks of school we will be spending a lot of time learning routines, expectations and getting to know each other. We will also be getting used to all the new changes in our school such as: staggered start and end times, increased hand washing, physical distancing and playing in certain areas during our recess and lunch. Please take the time to fill out the “About Your Child” questionnaire attached to this letter and return it to us as soon as you can.

Below I have outlined some important information about our classroom. If you have any questions or concerns, my email is jennlan.green@burnabyschools.ca . You can also contact me at the school (604-296-9001) and leave a message.

Here is our schedule for this year. Please note the schedule may change throughout the year.

Our class will start at **9:00am,** I will meet students at the outside door of our classroom to conduct a health check for each student before they enter our classroom. Your child will be asked to wash his/her hands before they put their things away at their desk.

**10:15am**- I will ask students to wash their hands and eat their snacks at their desks.

**10:30am** -Students will be asked to go outside for recess.

**12:00pm-** Students will be asked to go outside to play.

**12:30pm-** Students will come back inside, wash their hands, and eat their lunch at their desk. We will be having “litter-less” lunches. This means all wrappers and food waste will come home each day for you to dispose of in the appropriate bins.

**3:00pm-** I will dismiss students from our outside classroom door.

**Physical Education**

Your child will be participating in physical activity everyday either in our classroom, gym, the undercover area, grass and gravel field. Please make sure your child has a pair of running shoes at school so they can be comfortable participating. Our scheduled gym time is every Thursday afternoon. We will also be participating in Kilometer Club and running on the grass and gravel fields every Tuesday and Friday afternoon.

**School Supplies**

A notice was sent home about the supplies needed for this year. Please make sure all your child's schools supplies are labelled with their name. We will not be sharing any supplies this year; students are asks to be responsible with their supplies and keep them in their desks and cubby area.

**Planners**

Your child will be using a planner this year. The planners will be given out later this month. It is important that the planner be returned to school every day so that we can maintain communication between school, the classroom and home. Notices and reminders will be sent home using the planner please take the time to check your child’s planner daily.

**Water bottles and extra clothes**

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle at school. Also, please send extra clothes to school in case of any spills or accidents.

**Scholastic Orders**

I will send home scholastic orders periodically during the school year. Parents can now place orders online https://canadaclubs.scholastic.ca/en/home. Ordering from Scholastics is always optional.

**Westcoast Recess**

Recesses at Aubrey are spent outside so students can get fresh air, exercise, and play. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for school so that he/she is ready for the outdoors since we will be going outside as much as we can rain or shine.

**Home Reading**

The main goal of the Home Reading program is to develop a love of reading by encouraging students to read almost every day at home. Starting in late October, I will be sending a home reading log home to keep track of your child’s reading. I will most likely be assigning levelled reading books through the RAZ Kids online reading program and through the epic reading app. I will let you know when I have created student profiles and assigned reading levels.

**Word Work**

Starting in late October students will be participating in the Words Their Way spelling program. They will be bringing home words to cut, sort and spell. We will have spelling tests every Friday. Students will be grouped into different groups depending on their spelling ability. A letter about Word Work will be sent home once students have been put into their groups.

**Classroom Blog**

 Please visit our classroom blog for important reminders about events and other activities happening in our class this year. The link for our classroom blog can be found on the school website under the “Staff” tab. I have a link to our classroom blog connected to my name under the column titled “website”.

**Email Addresses**

I will have a district class blog where I will post reminders for events and pictures of our classroom activities. Please provide your contact information if you would like to be a member of our blog and receive emails.

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