**Welcome to Grade 2!**

I am excited to be working together with you here at West Springs School. I look forward to meeting you and to begin our journey.

On the first day of school please meet us outside the southeast doors of the school (closest doors to the playground). Our class list will be posted on the outside wall and we will be there 15 minutes before the bell rings to greet you. Our room number is 75.

There are usually lots of questions parents have around the beginning of the year, so hopefully this will help to answer some of those questions.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Does my child need indoor shoes?  **YES.** Students are required to have a pair of shoes to wear inside the school. The reason for this is for health & safety as students can easily slip in socks. It also helps to ensure the school stays clean.

Should I send a snack for my child each day?  **YES.** We encourage students to bring a HEALTHY snack or two or three. Students can eat their snack at appropriate times throughout the day including during our snack time. Please do not send peanut products due to severe allergies.

Are water bottles okay?  **YES.** Water bottles are great. If you do send juice it is only to be had during lunch. The main reason for this is that spills can occur on their work and clean up is disruptive to our learning time.

Can I send my child to school with a cell phone/electronic devices?  **YES, but at your own risk.** The school is not responsible for any loss or damage of any electronic device brought by a student to school. They are not to be brought out for any reason during school hours unless arrangements have been made or a teacher permits it. If you need to get in contact with your child during the day, please contact the school. Cell phones/electronics are to be left in backpacks (not pockets!) until the end of the day.

Can my child bring toys to school?  **NO.** Please leave all toys home. They have a tendency to disappear and cause distractions. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage.

How do I know what is going on in the class?

Our class has a website for you to access. It has a calendar of events for grade 2, links to educational websites to extend your child’s learning and most importantly a class blog, which will be updated on a weekly basis. Please visit our website today: <http://grade2lawson.weebly.com> . Your child will also be receiving a communicate folder to send letters between school and home.

Please respond to this message to indicate that you have received this email. In your email response please indicate if you are a bus student and which bus you are on.

Thank you for your time in considering these matters and working with your child to ensure success this school year. Once again, please feel free to contact me whenever you need. See you on Tuesday, September 5 for our 9:10am start.

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