

August 12, 2010

I hope you have had a wonderful summer break. I am excited about beginning a new year with new friends.

You do not need to purchase any school supplies at this time. We will supply each child with crayons, markers, pencils, pens, glue and erasers. I have also purchased take home folders that will go home everyday with any papers or homework. Make sure that your child returns it to school every morning, even if you have nothing to send in. There is always a lot of paperwork at the beginning of the school year. **Please check and clean out your child's folder daily.**

All of our specials are at the end of the day. We have P.E. on Monday and Wednesday. Art on Tuesday, Library on Thursday and Music on Friday. I have attached a mini copy for you to keep handy to make sure your child is properly prepared with sneakers or library books. I have also included your child's sharing day. I try to discourage bringing in toys and tell students they may bring only one item. It is common for children to share an experience orally. Again it is helpful if your child comes prepared to share.

Make sure to check the Colchester Sun or go to Colchester School District's website for the new bus schedule. Attached is a **bus paper** that **needs to be returned at Open House or on the first day of school.**

We will continue to offer breakfast at snack time as well as hot lunch and drinks. Your account number will remain the same as last year. Please make sure to send any money in an envelope labeled with your child's name.

You and your child are invited to an informal **Open House at Porters Point** from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Stop by to say "Hello" and see the classroom if you can. **Remember that school starts on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:15.**

I am looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Benjamin