

August, 2019

Dear Fabulous Fourth Grader,

Hello and welcome to 4DP! My name is Mrs. Donna Popko and I will be your teacher this year. Although I've been teaching for over 21 years, I always LOVE to start a new school year. It's so exciting. I never know what my class will be like. I bet you are curious, too!

I spent the summer reading, traveling, relaxing by the pool, and helping my two eighteen year-old children move-in to college. I'm eager to hear all about your summer, too. Let's start the year by sharing a token of our summers with the class. Please bring in one small thing that reminds you of your summer. Some examples of things to share are a swim band, one family photo, a beach tag, etc. Whatever you decide, it must be one thing and fit into your backpack. I can't wait to show you my token☺

I've included a supply "wish" list on the back of this letter. If possible, try to collect these items and bring them with you on the first day of school with your summer token. **You will also want to bring in a water bottle and a nutritious snack on a daily basis.** Healthful snacks, such as pretzels, cereal, fruit or yogurt, have proven to be much better for thinking and learning than sugary sweets.

Enjoy your last few weeks of summer. I'll see you soon!

Love,  
Mrs. Popko

## **4DP Student Supply List:**

- a box of tissues for the classroom.....please and thank you
- (1) 2” **heavy-duty** 3 ring binder: **Velcro/zipper enclosure will last the entire year and can be used next year, too** (Suggestion: Make sure your backpack can hold your binder☺)
- three-hole punched pencil case to keep inside your binder
- red spiral notebook to go inside your binder
- (5) two-pocket folders
  - 4 of which should be in **solid** colors (red, yellow, green, blue)
  - We will put holes in them and put them inside your binder☺
  - 1 other folder, different color or style, for inside your desk
- black and white bound marble composition books
- lots of smiles☺
- a **plastic shoebox with a detachable lid** stuffed with
  - lots of sharpened pencils
  - a hand-held pencil sharpener **with lid**
  - a **box of 12** colored pencils (**no markers or crayons**)
  - ONE dry-erase marker and an old sock to use as an eraser
    - (actual erasers are usually too big for student boxes)
  - several glue sticks
  - 3” sticky notes (NOT accordion style; they become a toy)
  - TWO highlighters: one for the supply box, one for the binder pouch
  - set of earbuds for the laptop (should fit inside your shoe box)
- a sense of humor☺
- your good manners....very important☺

**Because space is limited in student desks,  
additional supplies will be sent back home☺**

Hint: If you stock up on a few extra pencils and glue sticks during the big back-to-school sales; you will be ready when your child needs replenishment in January or February.

## Families as Partners

### Introducing... YOUR Child

I'd like to know more about your child, through your eyes. The more I know, the better I can design an educational and motivational program to fit his or her particular needs.

Please answer the questions and complete the information below. Remember, this is from *your* point of view. Please send it in with your child as soon as it's completed. **PLEASE RETURN BY 9/14/18.**

Thank you!

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

- List five (5) words that best describe your child's *character* (competitive, cheerful, perfectionist):

- What *motivates* your child?

- What *upsets* your child?

- What are your child's out-of-school *interests* and *activities*?



Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_