

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year, we will be using interactive notebooks to organize and document our learning throughout the year. Most of the time, these notebooks will remain in the classroom as we will be using them on a daily or weekly basis. However, I wanted to give you an opportunity to understand how and why we're using them. There is a wealth of research supporting the use of interactive notebooks as an engaging way for students use to show that they are understanding what has been taught in class each day. This strategy also gives them the opportunity to make meaningful, creative connections with the concepts they are learning.

Please take a few moments to review the guidelines inside the front cover. I invite you to take a look at what your child has accomplished so far. Engage your child in a conversation about the entries and the learning he/she has demonstrated. Then, take a moment to add your own entry to the left of this page. Share your thoughts about your favorite assignment using pictures and words.

Remind your child to return the notebook to school so that we can continue to build a rich portfolio of learning. I'll be sending it home periodically for you to review and we'll also use it in our upcoming parent-teacher conference.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

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