

KG2-4 Happenings

KG2-4C Starfish Parents,

- (1) Please note that we have a **peanut allergy** in our classroom. For the safety of our little friends, students are discouraged from bringing peanuts to school.
- (2) **Library books** have been lent to your from the school library, This is an exciting event! I have talked to the Starfish about the importance of taking very good care of these books. Please ensure that it is returned on any day before our next library day, on **Sunday, September 9, 2012**.
- (3) **You Could Be Our Mystery Reader!** If you would like to participate in our classroom by being a "Mystery Reader", please send in a note explaining the date & time you are free to visit, as well as 3 clues about who you might be. Surprises are very exciting!
- (4) **Other Means of Support:** If you prefer not to read, there are many other ways of supporting our hard-working little Starfish, such as coming in as a volunteer 'Helper of the Day', or by having your child bring in well-loved and age-appropriate puppets or musical instruments for our upcoming interdisciplinary drama/music activities. Our class will be very appreciative of your kindness!

Swimming

Next week we will be starting swimming class. Our classes swimming days are on **days 3 and 6**. Children need to bring a waterproof swim bag filled with the following items:

- A black or dark blue one piece swimming suit
- A pair of swimming goggles
- A swim cap for any student with hair longer than their eyebrows
- A towel
- Waterproof sandals

Children need to be able to change into and out of their swim suits independently and pack away their wet clothing- please practice this skill at home. It is also extremely important that all of your child's clothing is labeled, so that fewer mix-ups happen. If students are not going to take part in swimming on a particular day, they must write a note explaining the reason the student will not be participating. Otherwise it is expected that all students bring their swimming gear every swimming day. Thank you for your support!

Back to School Night

On the evening of Tuesday September 11th we will be having Back to School night at GAA. Parents are invited to come visit our classrooms to learn more about our school, curriculum and classroom. There will also be whole school sessions available for parents. The night begins at 5:00 when there will be a presentation on MAPS testing for all parents who are interested in learning more about this aspect of the Grade One and older elementary school program (KG students do not take these tests). At 5:30 the KG class teachers will be presenting in the KG classrooms. For more details about the plan for the night please see the school wide newsletter emailed out on Thursdays. We hope to see you there!