

June 11, 2010

Dear Second Grade Families,

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer break. It is always nice to have unstructured, relaxing time!

We are fortunate at Madonna del Sasso School to have very conscientious parents who like to work with their children over the summer. Three months is a long stretch of time, so some time each week helps students retain what they learned in first grade and give them the confidence to start second grade running! The most important thing you can do is to **read, read, read** (a lot!) during the summer. Most students are reading chapter books such as the Magic Tree House series. Making reading a fun and relaxing thing to do, instead of a chore and something that is done only for homework, helps set your child up for success in many areas later in life.

Below is a list of items your child will need to bring on his/her first day:

2 composition books (20-50 pages; at office supply stores)

20-24 #2 plain yellow pencils

1 pkg. of 8 colored markers (not fine point)

24 box crayons

2 ball-point red pens

1 pkg. of 8-12 colored pencils

good scissors

white eraser

4 glue sticks

12" wooden ruler with metric measurements

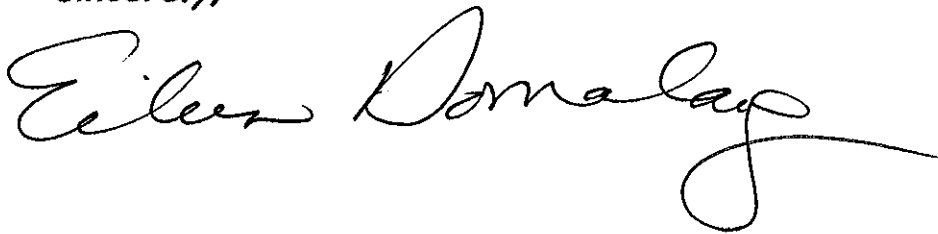
1 folder with bottom pocket (plastic tends to last the whole year)

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Please write your child's name on each item with a permanent marker. Pencils and glue sticks will go into a community bin and do not need to be labeled. Please, no binders, since our desks are small.

I am looking forward to spending next year with this class. When I met with them this week, I enjoyed the enthusiasm and joy they have for life!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eileen Donalag". The signature is written in black ink and features a long, sweeping horizontal line at the end of the name.