

August 27, 2011

Dear Parents;

Welcome back to school! My name is Sophia Zaniroli and I will be your child's teacher this year. My teaching credential was received from Simpson University. I have taught 1-4th grades and have worked as an Intervention Specialist for the Shasta County Office of Education. My husband, Lance, works for the California Highway Patrol. We have a thirteen-year-old son named Zane, a five-year-old daughter named Linze and an almost two-year-old son named Lanson. We had a restful summer filled with football, soccer, swim lessons, summer camps, and a few "stay-cations".

Song Laoshi and I are very excited about this year and know together we are going to learn a lot. I would love for you to write a letter to me telling me more about your family, and most importantly, your child. You are your child's first and best teacher and know him or her so much better than anyone else ever will. Please share with me his/her interests, personality, important life experiences, areas of strength, areas of concern, out of school activities, attitudes and feelings towards school, study habits, and anything else you believe will be helpful for me to know. Please send in or email the letter at your earliest convenience.

This year in order to conserve paper; I will be doing a lot of communication via email and the class' website. Please let me know if this doesn't work for you. My school email address is SZaniroli@rsarts.org. If you need to speak with me, please feel free to email or call/text me on my cell phone anytime. The number is 227-0923. I check my voicemail at school before school starts and during electives. I check my email more frequently.

Volunteers

In order to allow students a chance to get used to the classroom routine and procedures, I am asking all classroom volunteers wait until after September 16th to begin coming into the classroom. I will have a sign up sheet at Back to School Night, September 1st. I understand some parents are unable to complete their volunteer hours during school hours. If this is the case, please let me know as soon as possible and we can arrange an alternate plan. Please send me an email if you are interested in earning volunteer hours by scanning, typing, photocopying at your business, grading papers, ordering scholastic book orders, being the Room Parent or being an Art Docent. We are also going to need many drivers for our field trips. Please fill out the appropriate paperwork with the office as soon as possible. Without drivers, we may not be able to attend scheduled trips.

We will be studying California History this year in social studies. In science, we will be covering sustainability, life cycles, weather, electricity and matter. If you have

knowledge or expertise in any of these areas, please let me know so we can set up a time for you to come in and share with the class.

In your packet, you have received a list of school supplies. The following is a more detailed list of things specific to our class.

The following items will be for your student's use and will be kept in backpack or desk. Please LABEL all items with your child's initials.

- *1 pencil box or bag (Kept in backpack or desk) containing*
 - *1 pair of student scissors*
 - *2-4 sharpened pencils*
 - *1 large pink eraser*
 - *1 glue stick*
 - *1 package of colored pencils*
 - *1 package of markers*

The following items are needed for the class. These will be collected and used throughout the year. Please do not label.

- *2-4 large pink erasers*
- *2-4 glue sticks*
- *24 #2 pencils*
- *2 reams of white copy paper*
- *2 reams of wide ruled paper*
- *1 large box of tissues*
- *1 roll of paper towels*
- *1 bottle of hand soap*
- *1 bottle of hand sanitizer*
- *\$5.00 for Scholastic News Subscription (Please send cash or check made out to Sophia Zaniroli)*

Know that your child will be treated with the same love, care and respect that I hope my children would be treated at school. Please contact me at anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sophia Zaniroli