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Dear Parents,

I hope you are having a fun summer! I am looking forward to a little bit of travel east and to lots of rest with a little bit of work sprinkled in. We are starting year two of our new classroom. That means we are looking forward to a multi-age Montessori room, welcoming our new 4th graders. Next year we will have a full room with 10 new 4ths and our original- now 5th graders (20 of them☺) I can't wait to see and greet everyone again!

The enclosed list includes most things that we use almost everyday in the room. The binder is particularly important for the new 4ths to know about. All year long we choose our best works and collect them in this binder. We build this for 3 years, so even though a 3" binder sounds big, it gets very crammed full even by the end of year one. In fact, you might want to consider asking your 5th year if they need the larger size.

Also, please note that our cubbies are rather small and just barely fit a stack of filled folders, composition books, and a pencil case. Think **small** in terms of storing things (pencil bags etc).

On another note, we do a great deal of work on computers, especially with Word. If you are not already equipped with a computer, this summer might be a good time to investigate ways your child could get access to one for assignments—aunts, uncles, libraries, neighbors are all okay options and would really help your child succeed in Upper El. Most writing assignments are done on the computer, and Study Island is a requirement and needs internet access. Practicing typing skills with fun typing software ie: *Spongebob* or *Mavis Beacon* are fun and help your child build their speed and skills.

If you have any questions about anything on the list or anything at all I am happy to answer them by e-mail: meanders@jeffco.k12.co.us. I may not always get back to you quickly with my travels, but I am checking periodically!

Hope your children and you have a great summer—keep them reading and practicing their multiplication tables!

See you in August!

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