

August, 2017

Dear Fabulous Fourth Grader,

Hello and welcome to 4DP! My name is Mrs. Donna Popko and I will be your teacher this year. Although I've been teaching for over 19 years, I always LOVE to start a new school year. It's so exciting. I never know what my class will be like. I bet you are curious, too!

I spent the summer gardening, relaxing by the pool, doing lots of arts and crafts, and teaching my two sixteen year old children to drive. I'm eager to hear all about your summer, too. Let's start the year by sharing a token of our summers with the class. Please bring in one thing that reminds you of your summer. Some examples of things to share are a swim band, family photo, beach tag, etc. Whatever you decide, it must fit in your backpack. I can't wait to show you my token 😊

I've included a supply "wish" list on the back of this letter. If possible, try to collect these items and bring them with you on the first day of school with your summer token. You may also want to bring in some water and a nutritious snack on a daily basis. Healthful snacks, such as pretzels, cereal, fruit or yogurt, have proven to be much better for thinking and learning than sugary sweets.

Enjoy your last few weeks of summer. I'll see you soon!

Love,  
Mrs. Popko

**Mrs. Popko (4DP) Student Supply List for 2017-18:**

- (1) 2” **heavy-duty** 3 ring binder **with Velcro enclosure** (this will keep us organized☺)
- (1) pack of reinforced loose leaf filler paper
- (1) three hole punched pencil case for inside the binder (HSA gave this to kids last year:)
- (3) black and white bound composition books
- (1) red spiral notebook
- (5) two-pocket folders in solid colors (red, yellow, green, blue, black OR white)
- a box of tissues for the classroom, please
- 65 cm yoga ball (to use as a chair, IF desired)
- lots of smiles☺

a **shoebox with a detachable lid** (plastic shoe boxes work great) stuffed with

- sharpened pencils (keep some at home to replenish when you need more)
- a hand-held pencil sharpener **with lid**
- a box of 12 colored pencils (**no markers or crayons**)
- a dry erase marker and an old sock for an eraser (no actual erasers, please)
- several glue sticks
- sticky notes (no accordion style...they just become a toy)
- ONE highlighter
- set of **SMALL** headphones for the laptop (they need to fit in the supply box)
- a sense of humor☺

**Since space is limited in student desks, additional supplies are strongly discouraged and will be sent back home.**

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To give you as much notice as possible, I thought it might be helpful to let you know about the additional items you will need in the upcoming months.

- 2 liter CLEAR soda bottle (straight, not curvy....for our ecosystem science unit in Oct.)
- a small glass jar (for a special activity in May)



- What *study skills* does your child need to develop? (neatness, timeliness, organization, etc.)

- Which academic subjects are your child's best? Weakest?

- What particular academic areas would you like to see emphasized?

- What *social skills* would you like to see developed?

- Are there any *personal* or *physical problems* I should know (or conference privately) about?

- Other comments or concerns?

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_