

# Things to Know to be a Successful Plover

## Schedule:

- ✓ Doors open at 8:35 am. We will begin class promptly at 8:50.
  - You need to put away your belongings and be in the classroom by 8:50.
- ✓ School is dismissed at 3:20. On Fridays, school is dismissed at 1:05.
  - If you are NOT self-release, you will need to stay under the shelter with the class until I see your parent pick you up.
- ✓ We have Art on Monday and Wednesday, Out & About on Tuesday, and PE on Friday.
  - For **PE on Friday**, wear athletic shoes and clothing that will allow you to be active.
  - For **Out & About on Tuesday**, you must wear or bring appropriate footwear (athletic shoes or rain boots, depending on the weather) and a jacket.

## Absence Policy:

- ✓ Due to the hands-on nature of FGCS, it can be hard to make up missed work.
- ✓ If you have a trip planned, please let me (and the office) know as soon as possible. This will give me time to plan for your missed work.
- ✓ If you miss school because you are sick, you should e-mail me for any missed work, check the class website, and/or see me once you return.

## Homework

- ✓ All Level 2 students will have weekly homework. Homework will go home on Monday and is due on **Thursday**. This is a change from last year.
- ✓ Homework will go into a 3-ring binder. Your binder will go home Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights and it **MUST** come back to school **EVERY** day.
  - This binder will also contain newsletters, work in progress, and other school communication.
- ✓ From time to time, you may have extra homework. You may need more time to finish an assignment or project, you may need extra practice with a new skill, or you might have a goal you want to reach that can't be completed at school.
- ✓ If you are absent, you may need to complete any missed assignments at home.

**Food:**

- ✓ You may bring snacks for the morning and afternoon. They should be easy to eat!
  - Parents, I would like to keep a small supply of extra snacks in the classroom.  
Donations of crackers, pretzels, granola bars and raisins would be appreciated.
- ✓ FGCS has a new lunch program provided by Fresh n' Local. More info coming soon.
- ✓ There is no lunchtime on Fridays because of the early release. Bring a snack!
- ✓ Please keep in mind the amount of waste your lunch produces. We have plastic, paper, and glass recycling, as well as a compost container, in our classroom.
- ✓ On your birthday, you may bring in a healthy snack for the class. Please no sweets.

**Electronics Policy:**

- ✓ At Level 2, electronics are NOT allowed during the school day. Cell phones and other electronic devices (DS, iPods, etc.) should be left at home or stay in your school bag.
  - Parents, please call the FGCS Office to get a hold of your student.

**The PLP (Personal Learning Plan):**

- ✓ During the first weeks of school, we will spend time getting to know each other and talking about your interests.
- ✓ I will assess all students in the areas of reading, writing, math, speaking, and ability to do independent work. These assessments will help determine your personal learning goals.
- ✓ You will be responsible for selecting a research topic you are curious or passionate about. You will also create personal citizenship and stewardship goals. We will do a lot of work together to help this process along!
- ✓ Learning goals will be shared with families during the goal setting conference in October.

**Communication**

- ✓ Classroom news, current homework assignments and a schedule of upcoming events will be located on our class website. More details coming soon!
- ✓ Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Parents and students can e-mail me at [l.harley@fgcschool.org](mailto:l.harley@fgcschool.org). You can also leave a voice message on the class phone, come into the classroom before or after school, or call me before 8:00 PM at home. My cell phone number is 517-740-6139.