Elementary 2 Elementals

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Elementary 2 (E2) classroom community. We are looking forward to working with and sharing our educational studies with your children during the upcoming school year. We have planned a year full of challenging and interesting lessons, which we think will interest and perhaps even, inspire your children! We are excited about what promises to be a wonderful school year.

Parents frequently ask about summer homework. We, as Montessorians, value the experiences you give your children in your own family's summer activities and we do not want to clutter your child's summer vacation with school demands. So we will be very sparse in asking the children to do homework this summer.

We hope all of our students will be growing in their love of reading. We have a fantastic classroom library with books of every interest and we will be reading some books together as a literary study this year. In preparation for that, this summer we ask that the fourth graders read *Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary. The

fifth graders will be reading *Bud, Not Buddy* written by Christopher Paul Curtis. We also ask that the children complete the attached Literature Circle Preparation Sheet for their group's assigned book.

As a functional skill, everyone does better with math studies if practice continues over time. To that end, feel free to refresh with your child any math facts that get rusty over the summer. You can have confidence in our math curriculum during the school year because we will spend an hour each day working on math in our classroom. We place a heavy emphasis on this work.

We hope you and your family have a joyful summer vacation and we eagerly await your family's presence in our E2 classroom community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel comfortable in contacting either one of us. Until we see you at the start of school,

Very truly yours,

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