

# Parent Orientation

## AnnaMae's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Crew

September 8, 2011

### Communication

- Weekly Newsletter – I will try to have this out to you every Friday or last day of the week - this will be sent via e-mail unless you tell me you need a hard copy (please let me know if you do.)
- Schoolcraft Newsletter – there will be a whole school newsletter 2x per month
- E-mail – I can be reached **EASIEST** via e-mail: [annamae@schoolcraft.org](mailto:annamae@schoolcraft.org)
- Phone – I can be reached via phone at the main Schoolcraft number: 218-586-3284
- The best time to reach me via phone is from 7:30 – 8:30 in the morning or from 2:45 – 3:30 in the afternoons

### Parent Volunteers

- Parents are welcome to volunteer!
- All volunteers need to fill out the background check form (you can get one from Tracy at the main office)
- It will work best for a time to be pre-arranged. If you are interested... look at our schedule and see what time(s) can work for you and we can chat or e-mail.
- Volunteering can be regular/set times each week... or they can be a one time deal... let me know what works for you.
- If I need help for fieldwork or projects... I'll send out a plea with the specifics.

### Classroom Expectations

#### Homework

- I am planning to start Friday Homework packets this week. They will go home in their take home folder on Friday. Students will have the entire week to work on it until Friday morning when we will collect them. If there is no school Friday, we will collect Friday homework on the next school day. If they are not finished on Friday, send it in on Friday anyhow. There is not "consequence" for not finishing homework... just that your child did not get the extra practice with the skill or to show you what they know and how proud they are to know it!

## Behavior

- Please be sure to read over the section in the SLC Family Handbook titled “Schoolcraft Learning Community Expectations” and our Bullying Policy.
- For small and infrequent behavior concerns, students will receive a time out where they will be guided through a reflection process.
- For large or frequent behavior concerns, students will be asked to go to the office and depending on the severity of the behavior, a behavior report form will be filled out and filed.

## Other

- Snack – just about the same as last year... but with 20 students! I’ll try to have students signed up on their birthday’s and summer b-days will get a special celebration day at the end of the school year.
- Toys – please keep toys at home so they don’t get lost or stolen
- Extra Clothes – if you haven’t sent in extra clothes, please do so... we use them for bathroom accidents AND if students get wet, muddy, dirty, etc.
- The more things you label the better – especially outside clothes!

## Our 1<sup>st</sup> Expedition –

### **THIS IS A SECRET – DO NOT TELL YOUR CHILD!!**

“Food for Thought!”– there are 3 main parts to this and many learning experiences for each part – I have listed a few of the activities we’ll be doing.

#### What to eat?

- 5 food groups
- nutrition – vitamins, minerals, protein, etc.
- where do we get our food – food production – fieldwork to a local farm/market garden
- plant life cycles (briefly)
- class grocery store/restraint (ways people earn money via food)

#### Food Around the World

- at least 3 cultures – don’t know which yet
- locating cultures on maps
- writing cultural and nutritional lunch menu (SLC will really make this food for lunch!!)
- what grows where

#### Sharing Food

- writing recipes
- presenting the menu their group created to SLC student body during lunch time
- food poetry??? we may not get to this one???

Thanks for Coming!