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Greetings CSI Family
From Mrs. Murph



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INQUIRY**

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**Magnificent
Manatees**

The manatee will be our class mascot.

The manatee, often called the sea cow, is the only exclusively herbivorous marine mammal. It grazes on all kinds of aquatic plants, especially marine sea grasses, assisted by its large prehensile lips, which are studded with bristles.

Dear Parents,

I am excited to join the CSI team this year and eagerly wait to meet each of you. I am pleased to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and welcome your child to my class. A good learning environment is built on a cooperative effort among parent, child and teacher. I look forward to the work and growth we will all accomplish this year.

My expectations for conduct and academic standards are high. With your participation both in and out of the classroom, we can look forward to a productive, creative and enjoyable year together. In the past, I have had many parents volunteer their time in the classroom, and I encourage this because it provides opportunities for more children to receive personal attention. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know. This can be done on a weekly, bi-weekly or occasional basis. Any help you can give will be warmly appreciated.

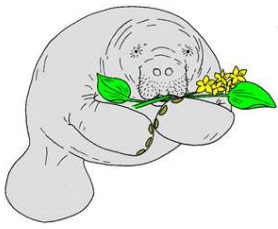
You can also help by providing me with information that will aid me in better understanding your child. Some things that I am interested in include the following:

- **Important experiences that may be affecting your child's state of mind (death in the family, a best friend moving away, loss of a pet etc).**
- **Special medical needs**
- **Study habits at home**
- **Television viewing habits**
- **After- school activities and special interests**
- **Feelings toward school**
- **Conflicts among family members**

Although I am interested in anything that could be affecting your child, it is not necessary for you to reveal personal information. Please know that anything you do say will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Again, welcome! Please feel free to contact me about any questions or concerns you may have. My classroom door is always open, and messages can be left on my voice mail at CSI, email or our school secretary, to which I will respond as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
DEIRDRE T. MURPH, NBCT



Mrs. Murph / Mrs. Sawyer's Class Supply List

Dear Parents,

Each year I am asked, "What should my child bring to school? This year I am asking parents to purchase one \$25.00 gift card from Office Depot to provide items that would be especially useful throughout the school year. I will purchase the items below for each student:

- One sturdy view binder (to be kept in the student's book bag daily)
- One pencil box (to be kept in the classroom at all times)
- One thumb drive
- 2 bottles of Elmer's glue
- 1pkg. of cardstock (used to publish books for students)
- 1box of Kleenex
- 1 box of dry erase markers
- Primary pencils with erasers

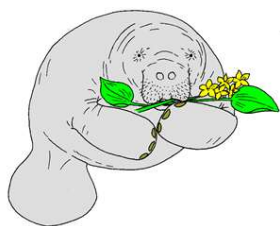
All items in "good shape" at the end of the year will be sent home with students.

Please purchase a book bag without rollers, small enough to place in a cubby, but large enough to hold a notebook.

SNACKS

We will incorporate snacks into our daily routine and allow students to have a nutritious snack every day (except half days). Please support our efforts and volunteer to alternate weeks to provide snacks for the class. A schedule will be provided by our Homeroom Mom at a later date.

I appreciate your help and continued support. Please contact me if you have any questions.



Mrs. Murph/Mrs. Sawyer