

Dear Families,

Welcome to another fabulous year at Daniel Bagley! I am so looking forward to seeing my old students and meeting my new ones. I'm very excited to begin a new year. If you are new to our school, welcome! I know that this year will be filled with lots of interesting activities and lots of learning.

I had a marvelous summer! Two wonderful trips! Our first trip was to Minnesota and Wisconsin. Fred's family had a reunion and so many relatives showed up. It was wonderful. Next, we took a road trip to Canada. Lake Louise was our destination but everywhere we went, we had glorious scenery. Canada is so gorgeous! This summer has gone by very fast, but I feel rested and relaxed. I've read some great children's books that I plan on reading to my class. I'm enjoying the last few weeks of summer, but I'm ready to be back at school for a wonderful year!

We will once again be doing Reader's and Writer's Workshop. Last year was a very successful year with most of my students making real progress. I hope to replicate their success again this year. The Workshop approach to literacy allows for differentiation of instruction so all students build their literacy skills and grow as readers and writers. In order to prepare for instruction during the first few days of school, I am asking that each child bring in a book that is a favorite of theirs to share with the class.

I am a very organized and highly structured teacher. I stick to my schedule and have reliable routines to promote a warm and safe environment that encourages learning. I have high expectations for my students and expect them to come to school rested and willing to learn. I want them to show up with their supplies and assignments prepared to do the work.

I have a great sense of humor and I try to be as fair as possible. I really get to know my students and I find what works best for them so that I can meet their individual needs while still teaching to the standards and the curriculum.

Please feel free to contact me at pmscordas@seattleschools.org with any questions. That is the best way to reach me. I usually respond very quickly. I look forward to this school year.

You will receive more information from me the first week of school!

Sincerely,

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