

March 4, 2011

Dear Families,

I feel I must begin this letter with an apology. Typically my Banana Splits groups begin and end before Spring Break each year; this includes our celebration banana split ice cream party. However, due to inclement weather and a few other unforeseen circumstances, I have been unable to conclude groups as I planned.

In saying this, I am happy to report that the celebrations are on the calendar...All parties are during recess:

Kindergarten—3/31 at 12:00
1st and 2nd Grade—3/28 at 12:30
3rd Grade—3/28 at 11:30
4th Grade Girls—3/29 at 12:55
4th Grade Boys—3/31 at 12:55
5th Grade—3/29 at 12:00

I am asking for your assistance in order to make these celebrations awesome for all participants. If you would be willing to bring in the following items or make a donation, I would be ever-so thankful. In addition, if you would like to attend/help out during your child's celebration, I would love to have you!

K—cherries
5th—vanilla ice cream
1st—chocolate syrup
2nd—sprinkles
3rd—bananas
4th girls—whipped cream
4th boys—caramel syrup

During our groups this year, the focus was on identifying our emotions and “coping”, or making the best out of the changes in our lives. Students learned a variety of stress-reducers and how to lead positive, healthy lives. Ask your son/daughter to share his/her activity booklet with you. I’m also including some wonderful resources that you may wish to consider while talking about family change with your child.

Sincerely,

Chris Davis

Dinosaurs Divorce: A Guide for Changing Families by Laurene Kransny Brown and Marc Brown

It’s Not Your Fault, KoKo Bear by Vicki Lansky

Let’s Talk About It: Divorce by Fred Rogers

Don’t Rant and Rave on Wednesdays! The Children’s Anger-Control Book by Adolph Moser

Stress Can Really Get on Your Nerves! By Trevor Romain and Elizabeth Verdick

It’s Not the End of the World by Judy Blume

Top 10 Survival Tips for Kids (and Parents) on the Move by Chelsea Williams and Cheryl Williams

My Family is Moving by Beverly D. Roman

Families by Meredith Tax

Let’s Talk About It: Stepfamilies by Fred Rogers

This Is Me and My Two Families: An Awesome Scrapbook/Journal for Children Living in Stepfamilies by Marla D. Evans

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