

Dear Families,

August 2011

Welcome to rooms 102 and 104. We'll be sharing lots together this year, so we thought we'd share the letter too.

Kristin teaches in room 102. She has five kids, one is Amanda, a student at Barton. Dawn teaches in room 104. She has two boys, a second grader and a kindergartner at Barton.

We are both very proud to be teaching first and second grade at Clara Barton Open School. We will be teaching four big units this year. We'll tell you more about them at parent information night on September 1st, so that you will have a chance to think about how you can connect with our classrooms.

We're going to offer a time for new students to meet with us for a reading assessment before school starts. If your child has been in our classroom for a year but you feel they have made a big gain over the summer, feel free to sign up. We have set aside August 26. A schedule is attached. Please email a couple times that would work for you, and we'll get back to you.

For supplies this year we are asking for a donation of \$25. We are always thinking about how to better care for our planet. If you would like to provide extra for a family who can't contribute, we'd appreciate it. If you can't contribute right now, that's ok. A shared supply fund will eliminate the need for year long storage at school and about 50 trips to the store for our families! In the meantime, those fun supplies your child was dying to pick out can be used for a fun work area at home. Thanks for helping us be a "greener" school community.

We love to work together and we also love a good party! Dawn's and Kristin's classes are invited to an Old Class/New Class party at Kristin's House on August 21 from 2-5pm. Bring the family! Everyone is welcome!

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RSVP by email please, to kristinlorna@comcast.net or dawn.white@mpls.k12.mn.us
Bring a swimsuit, towel and some food to share. Kristin and Dawn will provide hot dogs, veggie dogs and beverages. See you then!

Kristin and Dawn