



ESSEX PUBLIC SCHOOL  
4Merlo  
Welcome Back to School!!  
September 8, 2015



Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful summer! We are all looking forward to another exciting year full of learning. Your child is in room 227 and my name is Mrs. Merlo. I am excited to continue working with the wonderful staff and students at Essex Public School.



Here are a list of suggested supplies:

red pen  
pencil crayons  
glue sticks  
pencil sharpeners with lid  
markers  
pencil case\*

highlighters  
gym shoes  
1" binder\*  
protractor  
calculator  
scissors

**\* Due to desk size, please do not send in any large zippered binders or hard plastic pencil cases.**

**\*\* Please do not allow student to bring any other personal items (toys, etc..) to school as many are lost or broken.**

**\*\*\* We ask that gym shoes be left at school as they will also be used daily as indoor shoes. Please take time to put your child's name on all of his/her belongings.**



Please avoid any snacks with peanuts or peanut oil as we have many students at the school with severe peanut allergies. Good nutrition is linked to learning. Please send healthy snacks for your child. This also helps reinforce our health curriculum. Please contact me, as soon as possible, if there is a personal or medical issue that may affect your child's learning and/or health (i.e. allergies).

Please check agendas for any homework, notes, etc...**and please sign the agenda and initial completed homework nightly (see back).**

September will certainly be a very busy month for all. I am looking forward to working with you and your child and to meeting you in the upcoming weeks.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Merlo



## A few notes about our Grade 4 program:

**Agendas:** Students will record all homework, important notices, and timelines in their agendas. It is very important to check and sign the agenda nightly.

**Homework:** Students will receive homework particularly in the subject of Mathematics. Students are asked to bring home this practice work even if they finish it at school. Please review your child's homework with them! Homework will give students time to practice what they learned at school and will help to develop a thorough understand of concepts. *Please initial beside the title for the night's math homework to acknowledge completion of his/her work.* I will check for these initials for completion and notices will written in the agenda if homework is incomplete.

**Mathematics:** Math units will be chunked into smaller sections with usually 2-3 quizzes throughout a unit, rather than one big test at the end of the unit. This usually makes the amount of information easier to handle for Grade 4 students.

**Class Blog:** Our class blog is a place where parents and students can go on a regular basis to see what's happening at school. There will be a lot of pictures and information available (your child's pictures will only be included if you say "Yes" on the Photo Release Form). I will be updating the blog regularly so check back often! You can find us at [www.merlo1516.weebly.com](http://www.merlo1516.weebly.com)

**Language Arts:** Please encourage your child to read nightly. Spend some time reading together! Allow your child to see you reading for information as well as for enjoyment. Comprehension is the purpose of reading. Ask your child to explain to you what he/she has read. Ask questions about it. Ask your child to tell you what they think will happen next, their favourite part so far, parts they didn't like, what they learned, etc...

**Social Studies/Science:** We will be covering many Social Studies and Science units throughout the year. There will be occasional projects to complete at school and additional information will come home about those when necessary. Some units will include an end-of-the-unit test.

**Physical Education/Art/Library:** Physical Education happens every day at EPS! Please make sure that your child has a pair of running shoes that remain at school. For safety reasons, improper footwear will mean that your child will not be able to participate in Physical Education classes. Art will be on every Day 5. We may get messy so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately! Library will on every Day 3. Students will not be able to take out new books until checked out books are returned.

I hope this information is helpful and takes some of the guesswork out of what to expect this year. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns about our Grade 4 program.

