DEAR PARENTS AND 4TH GRADERS,

We are SO excited to be your fourth grade teachers this year!

Back to School Night will be held on Tuesday, August 22nd - time TBA. There will be three 30-minute sessions. We will also post our Google Slideshows on our class website at https://sites.google.com/ccsdut.org/shumway4/home if you’re unable to attend or would like to review the information we present that night.

Next week when class lists are available, we will send an invitation to join our Remind network. It’s an effective texting network where keeping in touch is very simple, and almost ALL of our communication with you will be through Remind. We can text you as part of a whole group or individually. If you text us, no one else is part of the conversation. Please watch for our email next week. :)

As you know, being in the Portuguese Immersion program, your child has a unique opportunity to continue his/her Portuguese language development. Professora Machado and students must always communicate in Portuguese unless there’s an urgent need and the student is unable to communicate in Portuguese. Please help us support “Portuguese Only” in that classroom by speaking English in the hall or in Shumway’s class and reminding your child to always speak Portuguese when expected.

Please be sure your child brings a water bottle every day. Learning can be thirsty work!

Help!! Mrs. Shumway is allergic to perfumes. Please be sure your child does not wear perfume, cologne or fun-smelling lotion at school. Mrs. Shumway has “friendly” lotion and hand sanitizer at school. Parents: If you can remember, please refrain from going into Mrs. Shumway’s room if you smell really good. She can “mask up” and come visit with you in the hall.

A great way to start gearing up for 4th grade is to make sure you’re reading every day and by practicing your math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). There are some links for fun math facts games on our class website. You could brush up on your Portuguese by talking to classmates and siblings in Portuguese and working in Elefante. Also, have you tried Duolingo for Portuguese practice?

We are looking forward to getting to know all of you! It’s going to be an AMAZING year! Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Professora Machado and Mrs. Shumway

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