

Dear Parents of 2009-2010 Kindergartners and newly enrolled first graders:

RE: 2010-2011 School Year

Under the California Child Health Disability Prevention Law, (CHDP Law) **all children entering first grade** must have received a health screening examination within 18 months prior to the first day of school (TBA). This consists of a medical, developmental and nutritional history, complete physical examination, necessary immunizations, tests for anemia and urine problems, a tuberculosis skin test, vision, hearing and dental screening and where necessary, sickle cell and blood lead screening.

The screening examination is intended to find any problems and arrange early care if needed. One out of every 10 children entering first grade has a health problem unknown to parents. If children have a yearly checkup, any serious problems causing permanent damage can be detected and save medical costs to the families. The screening services may be obtained from your family doctor, pediatrician, or your pre-paid health plan.

When your child is screened, you will be given an explanation of the results and help with referral for treatment, if needed, **as well as the Health Examination Report which must be signed by the doctor and returned to your child's school.**

If your child is entering first grade in August 2010 the Report of Health Examination for School Entry MUST accompany the application. Enrollment applications will not be processed without this form (see reverse); therefore, enrollment and saving a space in the class may be delayed and be cause for your child to be placed on a waiting list if the class is filled when we receive the form. This examination can be no earlier than **March 2009.**

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call our school office and ask for the registrar.

Sincerely,

Krista M. Joyner
Registrar