

Room 18 NEWS

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Dear families:

Welcome to Room 18! I am looking forward to working with you this school year. I'll be sending home a newsletter like this each Friday listing the homework due the following Friday and other information about our class. Please read the newsletter together each week, make sure your child completes all homework carefully, and return forms promptly.

You can find more information on the classroom website, www.elcerritowire.com/18. **I also send information by email and would appreciate it if you would send your email address to me at bbuginas@hotmail.com as soon as possible.** Please put my address in your address book so my emails don't get blocked as junk mail.

In the first few days of class, one of our main goals will be to get to know one another and begin to build an effective working relationship. I'll also introduce students to classroom routines and some of the fourth-grade curriculum.

One of our regular homework assignments will be to write at least four pages a week in a "Learning Log." I have composition books students can use, or they can supply their own – something with plenty of blank pages and their name on the front. The first Learning Log entry is due Friday, Sept. 2. I'll provide more details in this Friday's newsletter, or you can visit the website. That will be the only homework through Sept. 2.

Thank you, Ms. Betty Buginas

What to bring to school

- * **Snack** - a single item that is healthy, neat, and easy to eat and clean up, such as a piece of fruit. If you need a napkin, please pack one with the snack. The only drink students should have at snack is water.
- * **Lunch**, unless you have a lunch ticket.
- * Completed **forms**
- * Sharpened **pencils** or pick up from the back of classroom as you enter if needed.
- * Beginning Sept. 2, **homework** on Fridays

Optional

- * Own blank journal or notebook for Learning Log
- * Water bottle
- * Small tissue pack

Please note: The student desks are small and the textbooks and materials they've been given take up most of the space. Students won't have room for bigger items such as binders or bulky pencil boxes. They have been given folders to hold their classwork.

Questions to ask your child about school this week

- * *What is something new you have learned about a classmate?*
- * *What do you want your classmates and teacher to know about you?*

Donations

Needed throughout the year :

- Dry-erase markers
- Pencils
- Hand sanitizer

More information on website about donations and volunteer needs.