

# Student Sharing Days

K-4 Families,

Next week (October 2nd), students will begin to share something from home. I attached a calendar for the month that lays out sharing days for each student. Please note the theme/topic on the calendar. Please have your child bring in one item on their sharing day. All items should be able to fit in your child's backpack. Due to allergies, please do not send/bring in any living things – thank you. Please use the prompts below and the attached sheet to talk with your child about the item that he or she will share. A little practice goes a long way!

Over the next week, I will model sharing using our Expanding Expression Tool (EET). This tool is something that we teach throughout the year to promote strong oral language and concept skills. As we work with students on learning the different parts of the tool, we'll build upon what they share about their item(s). See the information about the Expanding Expression Tool below and in the attached information.

Our first theme, FAVORITE TOY FROM HOME, fits our Expanding Expression Tool (EET) prompts. This week, I am introducing the tool as I share a couple of items. Prior to your child sharing, please take a few minutes to talk to them about their item related to the areas listed below. See the underlined areas for the prompts related to sharing at this point of the school year.

Our routine for sharing is to have each student say as much as they can about their item. We use the EET to go through and ask questions to get the student to say more. We find that through sharing and classroom lessons revolving around oral language, students naturally begin to share more as the year progresses. This language work lends to many skills this year and in future years, including verbal and reading comprehension. Your support to prepare your child to say as many things about their items is appreciated.

-Mr. Miller



Green Group: What group does it belong to? It is a type of...

Blue Do: What does it do? What do you do with it?

What does it look like? Describe it!

What is it made of? What does it feel like?

Pink Parts: What parts does it have?

White Where: Where did you get it? Where do you keep it?

Is there anything else you can tell about it?