

## **Personal Items at School**

### **Toys and Sharing**

Participating in sharing at group time enables children to feel important and special. It also facilitates verbal expression. Good suggestions for sharing may be seashells, rocks, library or special books, pictures or treasures from a trip. Please consult with your child's teacher regarding sharing policies for a particular class. Read the weekly updates and monthly newsletters to discover sharing suggestions relating to the units of study for the month. We do ask that toys be kept at home, or leave them in the car, as they often create distractions and possible power struggles between other students when they are brought to school.

### **Extra Changes of Clothes**

Students are encouraged to bring appropriate changes of clothes to store in their cubbies or lockers for emergency use; *most especially kindergarteners*. Teachers will communicate with parents as the clothes are used and need to be re-stocked. Please remember to label all items with the student's name and send to school in a plastic bag or other disposable/re-usable carrier.

### **Other personal items at school**

Toys, trading cards, electronic games and other personal items unrelated to the student's daily schoolwork should be left at home. These items tend to create disruptions at school and will be held by the teacher.

Students are discouraged from bringing cell phones and other items of value to school. Cell phones, pagers, iPods, and the like, are to remain off and out-of-sight during school hours and may only be used once the student has left the school grounds. In the event parents require their child to have such items, contact the teacher or Principal to discuss your child's personal circumstances. Once approved, these items are to remain in the student's backpack or locker until the end of the school day. If the student uses such items during school hours, it will be confiscated and only returned to the parent. Permission may be granted by the teacher or administrator to use a cell phone during school hours for a specific situation only.

Trading cards, such as Pokémon and Yugioh are not permitted. They will be confiscated and returned to a parent if brought to school.

**CMP assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items.**