



Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome to our ICT third/fourth grade class at the School of Creativity and Innovation! We are Ms. DiFilippi and Ms. Zhang, and we will be your child's teachers this year. It is going to be a year full of fun, learning, and lots of adventure. We cannot wait to see what the year has in store for us!

Our classroom will be on an exciting journey of learning and growth. Throughout the upcoming academic year, our class's central focus will be on various objectives to help students improve their reading and writing skills, such as comprehension, vocabulary, and developing writing organization. Students will work on problem-solving skills to build a solid foundation for a deep understanding of mathematics. We will work together to create a positive and nurturing classroom environment where students can confidently approach challenges to learn and develop their critical thinking abilities.

Important reminders for this school year:

Morning drop-off & afternoon dismissal: Please drop off and pick up your child at the assigned location on time. For late drop-off or early dismissal, please send me a message through Class Dojo.

Blue Card & Emergency Contact: Each student should have a completed emergency contact card (blue card) on file. Blue cards are completed and housed in our OPEROO APP. If there are any changes to parents' contact information, please notify us so it can be updated accordingly. Please update all emergency contacts on your child's blue card in the event that you are unable to pick up your child. If the person picking up your child is not listed on the blue card, we are unable to release your child due to safety protocols. Bring your ID for verification purposes.

Homework Folder: Your child will bring a homework folder home every day. The homework will be posted on Google Classroom and is to be returned the following Monday. Inside the folder you will find letters that need to be returned to school, newsletters, and updates on what is happening in our school and classroom. Homework can be completed at your own pace. *It is essential that you check your child's homework folder and Google Classroom every night in order to maintain constant, efficient communication between school and home.*

Cell Phones, tablets, smart watches, and other internet devices: We want students to be focused on learning. In order to make that happen, New York State law states that students will not be allowed to use these devices during the school day.

Sneakers: Sneakers should be worn every day. We are extremely active each day, so dress shoes or flip-flops are not appropriate for many of our activities.

Toys: Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home to school. We want to avoid the risk of personal items being misplaced or broken.

Birthdays: In order to ensure that instruction is not disrupted several times during the week for parties, all birthday celebrations will be held on Friday afternoons during period 8. We do not recommend that parents prepare food, but you may choose to give out small gifts such as a notepad, pencil, erasers, etc. Please inform us at least a week ahead if you would like for your child to have a party.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns about your child. The easiest way to reach us is by Class Dojo or by email at edifilippi@ps896.org.

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2025-2026 school year together!

Sincerely,

Ms. DiFilippi and Ms. Zhang