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Dear Parent,

Here is your child's new home/school communication book. I have conveniently sized it to fit easily into your child's backpack. We will complete a daily sheet each day that your child is in school.

There is a front pocket for us to send school communications home, and there is a section in the back for you to put notes to us. (Look for the green tab) I have included blank note paper for you to use.

In addition to keeping communication going between us, this information offers us a recurring opportunity to discuss your child's day with them. Discussing your child's school day with them is an important and cherished communication activity for children and parents.

Occasionally, I will take a picture of your child during an activity and put it in the book. This will assist them in talking about their day. These pictures are yours to keep.

Additionally, if you would like to send in a picture of your child enjoying an activity at home or in the community, it will offer us the opportunity to discuss activities with them that happen outside of school.

How to use the communication book with your child:

Sit with your child and their communication book. Say the same thing each time, such as, "How was school today?"

Open the book and go over the information you find. "Oh, you had speech today, played with puzzles, and read the Brown Bear book." Or, "Say it as they would if they could", e.g. "I had speech today, played with puzzles, and read the Brown Bear book."

If an activity picture is included, you can say, "Tell me about this activity." You can keep the picture available, and when other people are present, encourage your child to show the picture to them. Inform others to use the same verbiage you use, e.g. "Tell me about this activity."

I hope you enjoy your child's new communication book. As always, feedback is encouraged and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Miss _____

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