

Thank you for allowing your child to join a Banana Splits group. This letter is to give you a little bit more information on the groups.

The Groups are beginning November 9th. The class schedules for attendance are as follows:

**Every Other Monday 11:20-11:50**    - 3rd Grade
**Every Other Wednesday 11:00-11:30**    - 4th Grade
**Every Other Wednesday 11:30- 12:00**    - All 1st and 2nd Grade (May need to divide this group)
**Every Other Friday 12:05-12:35**    - Ms. Bakes' Class     - Ms. Walton's Class

Please take a minute to discuss confidentiality with your child. What is discussed in a Banana Splits group stays in the group. Your child should feel comfortable to share as much or as little with the group as he or she would like. Your child should also feel they can discuss with you anything they shared and what they learned. Your child should not discuss other students’ conversations at home or at school with other students.

This year, Banana Splits is introducing an exciting way to share with families what is happening in Banana Splits. Banana Splits now has its very own Weebly. You can access the site by going to the internet and typing in the web address:

MMSBananasplits.weebly.com

Please note that this is a not closed domain. You will find general information about the group topics, schedules and reading lists. This is a work in progress but we envision a student directed blog (monitored by myself), pictures and posted projects. Only first names will be used. The purpose of Banana Splits is to give students a sense of belonging in whatever family configuration they may have. However, I understand that individual families may not be comfortable with having their child participate with the Weebly. Therefore, I am asking you to complete and return the below permission slip if you would like your child to contribute to the Weebly.

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions, comments or concerns. I’m looking forward to an exciting new year, with new students, projects and ideas.

Sue Hodom, CSSW, LMSW

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Detach Below

I give my child\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Permission to participate in MMSbananasplits.weebly.com by:

Check all that apply:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Have work, projects posted (first name only)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Participate in blog (First names only, moderated by Ms. Hodom)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Have picture posted on blog

Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: