

April 8, 2016

Dear Parents:

In about 3 weeks, our student teacher, Sawyer Johnston, will be leaving us. The students and I will be sad to see him go, as Sawyer has been a tremendous asset to our class. Having Sawyer's help has allowed time for more individualized instruction for our students as well as opportunities to cover more material than I am normally able to cover alone. While the students may only appreciate Sawyer for his sense of humor and stories, I'm sure as a parent, you realize just how valuable it is to have this "extra set of eyes and ears" in the class!

I am making Sawyer a thank you basket, and I'd love to be able to add lots of items from the kids. Some ideas for basket items are Appalachian State items (Sawyer is working on his Master's degree at APP) and UNC themed items (Sawyer got his bachelor's there). Also, Sawyer is engaged to be married this summer, so gifts that you might get newlyweds would be good. Other areas of interest are: golf, music (he's in a band), and food (he talks about food a lot.) Lastly, we hope that Sawyer will be teaching in his own classroom this fall, so school supplies would be great, as well. Gift cards are always a great option, too!

Please send in items with your child to **Ms. Lyons'** room by **Wednesday, April 27th**. Don't send them to my room as I want to keep the gift a surprise until Sawyer's last day.

Thank you so much for your help, and please remind your child that this is a secret!. So, shhhhhhhhhhh while Sawyer's around.

Sincerely,

Courtney McClellan-Brown



