

September 1, 2010

Dear Parents,

The first day of Kindergarten has passed and I am looking forward to a very busy and exciting year! Because of the many projects we will be doing, I need your help!!! Some of you have indicated that you can be a helper. I can never have too much help, and this is an excellent way to work off those H.O.S.T. hours! If you'd like to come in on a consistent basis, just let me know what day of the week would be best for you and I'll get you on a schedule. If you'd like to come in just "once in a while," please give me at least one day's notice so I can have things prepared for you to do. Please fill out the information form that is in the folder and return by Friday.

In our daily schedule we have a recess at 9:30. As was mentioned at the New Family Orientation, we encourage you to send a small, healthy snack for your child to eat at that time. Please let them know exactly what they should eat for their morning snack, and what is for lunch. Some parents mark the snack with an 'S' for easy identification. Otherwise it can be confusing as they open their lunchbox of all kinds of goodies to know what to eat, when. They need your guidance with this! Also, please be sure your child is prepared each morning, to tell me if they will be needing hot lunch from school, just milk, or if they brought their own lunch. Milk is provided with all hot lunches, but may also be ordered separately. You can purchase lunch and milk tickets from the office.

This year we will be having P.E. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure your child wears tennis shoes and play clothes (no dresses) on those days. Because you will not know ahead of time if they'll be inside or outside for P.E., they always need to come to school wearing appropriate shoes, (i.e., no sandals, boots, dress shoes, etc.) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Socks must be worn at ALL times.

On Fridays, at 8:40 AM, we will be having chapel. Girls need to wear dresses or skirts and boys need to wear dress slacks and a tucked in, collared shirt. Our 1st chapel will be this Friday. You are always more than welcome to join us.

Also each Friday, starting September 17th, we will be doing a cooking project. The children absolutely love cooking days! In order for the cooking program to be a success, each family will be asked to donate the items that will be needed for 1 or 2 of the projects. I will have sign-ups at the Open House next Friday night.

The folder you found this letter in is your child's homework folder for the year. It is also an excellent source for communication between us. Should you ever need to send me a note about something, just put it in the folder. I will be looking in the folders daily. Please be sure **you** peek inside the folder each night, as well. Opening the folder nightly will ensure that you are receiving all the notes and information that I send home. Also, there will always be an assignment sheet with daily homework for your child to complete. Where it says "time" on the homework sheet, I would just like to know how much time was spent on the work I assigned. Also, I would like the children to use a pencil for any writing they do for homework (such as writing their name or doing a dot to dot) and crayons for coloring. If your child does not yet know the names of all the letters it would be helpful to spend 5 or 10 extra minutes a night working on that too.

Feel free to send me a note or email if you have questions or concerns, or I can talk to you after 3:15 on most school days.

Our school Open House and BBQ is next Friday night, September 10th. Please be there. I'll have lots more to tell you about!

Thank you for taking an active role in your child's education. With your love and support they will succeed!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Bennett