

## Notes for Kindergarten Parents

**Schedule:** Kindergarten students will attend from 9:00 a.m. - 3:55 p.m. Children should not arrive at school earlier than 8:50 a.m. The tardy bell will ring at 9:00 a.m. Please be sure your child is on time, as we will start activities promptly. Car riders will dismiss from Door 2 at 3:45 p.m.

### **Delays, Early Releases, and Cancellations:**

With the implementation of the ONE-CALL system, it is important to ensure the district has your current phone number. This will alert you of any schedule changes. Please call the school office (548-1013) if you have questions.

**Change in Routine/Absences/Dr. Appointments:** If your child will be absent from school, please notify the office at 548-1013. If you are changing your child's routine (ex: someone new is picking them up, they are leaving early for an appointment, they are getting off the bus at a different stop), **YOU MUST LET ME KNOW. Do not rely on your child to tell me. They often forget or get the message confused.** Please send me a note even if you have already notified the office or the bus department as messages sometimes get misplaced or forgotten. If I do not receive notification, your child will follow his/her normal routine. **This is for your child's safety.**

**Newsletter and Activities/Homework:** I will send home a regular monthly newsletter. This is a newsletter that tells what will be going on during the month and activities or homework for you and your child to do together. This may be sent by hard copy, Seesaw, e-mail or posted on the school website.

**Birthday Parties:** If you would like to send in a treat for your child's birthday, **please contact me in advance.** That way I can let you know how many students are in the class, any allergies, and any scheduling conflicts. Also, all treats should **be individually packaged. No home-made treats,** please. If your child does not celebrate birthdays or holidays, please let me know in advance. We read books about and celebrate many holidays in class.

**Toys:** Toys **should not** be brought to school or recess unless otherwise indicated by me. I have toys in the classroom to be used at appropriate times. This will cut down on items that are stolen, broken, or lost.

**Report Cards:** Kindergarten report cards go home quarterly. Parent-Teacher conferences are held in the fall. Please do not wait until conferences if you have questions or concerns. You can call me (937-548-1013), write a note, or e-mail me at [ebell@gcswave.com](mailto:ebell@gcswave.com) to discuss concerns or schedule a meeting.

**Book Clubs:** I might be sending book offers home periodically throughout the year. If you are interested in ordering, please make cash or check payments (made out to the book club).

**Label Personal Belongings:** Please put your child's first and last name on all personal items and supplies. If your child loses something in the hall, on the bus, in the cafeteria, or in the room, you have a better chance of getting it back. It is also helpful if there is a mix-up between identical items.

**Book Bags:** Please make sure your child has a book bag large enough to hold a folder or papers of various sizes and a winter coat. Also, make sure your child brings the book bag **every day** no matter what. It is important to check the book bag **every night** for notes or important papers.

**Take-Home Folders:** These should come to and from school everyday. Please check them each night for any important notes or papers from me or the school. Also, please place any notes or papers you are sending to school in the folder to ensure safe delivery.

**Water Bottles:** These are allowed at any time during the year as long as it is **just water** and **it has a lid.** Please no flavored water, juice, milk, or sodas. Spills are common and these drinks will attract bees and ants or stain our carpet. **Also, please have your child's name on the water bottle.**

**Gym:** Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothes and shoes on gym days so they can participate.

**Flip Flops:** I encourage you not to have your child wear flip flops to school or they can bring shoes to change into. Many injuries occur due to climbing and running on the playground.

**Quiet Time:** This is a time after lunch to help your child renew their energy and focus for the rest of the day. We will listen to stories, draw and color, or look at books.

**Money:** If your child is bringing in any money for lunch, fees, book orders, etc., **please put it in an envelope with their name on it and what the money is for. Please place this envelope in their take-home folders, not book bags.** The children do not always remember what it is for and it is less likely to be lost.

**Masks:** At this time, masks are not required for the bus or school. Any changes to this will be communicated. However, if you want your child to wear a mask, please talk to your child about wearing the mask. I will not be monitoring this. **Please remind your child about washing hands and not sharing items or food with others.**

★ **Extra Clothes:** Please put 2 pairs of extra underwear and 1 extra complete outfit (socks, pants, shirt) in your child's book bag. Often if there is an accident, it is quicker and easier to deal with if your child has extra clothes.