



Welcome to Kindergarten Curriculum Night 2006

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What you need to know...

- *Rules and Expectations*
- *Procedures and Organization*
- *A Typical Day/Schedule*
- *Things Parents Can do to Help*



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Rules and Expectations

Library Books

Weekly students may check out one library book at a time. They may not check out a second book until the first has been returned and so on.



Classroom Books

Students may look at books during quiet reading but the must be put back in an orderly fashion.

Table Manners

Students are expected to keep their tables neat and clean. They must push in their chairs after they get up.

Carpet Time

This is a time for good listening skills. Typically we have calendar, a story or the introduction of a new topic. Students must raise their hands without making any noise and without straining. Students who call out may be asked to move their clip. Students should exercise self control and follow directions.

Journal Writing

Students must work quietly. If they have a question or finish early they must raise their hand, Journals always go in the bottom of the cubby and should not be taken home for any reason.

Hallway Manners

Walking to lunch, recess and specials can take time. Students are expected to walk in a single file line. They should not touch the walls or fellow students.

Recess

Students must line up immediately after the whistle has been blown. Students who linger on the playground and cause the class to be late will be asked to move their clip.



Free Play

Students have up to 20 minutes of free play upon arrival. The must have everything cleaned up and be on the carpet before the bell rings.



Calendar

Each morning we look at the calendar, discuss the date, put tally marks in our folders and graph the weather.

Journal Writing

After Calendar students take their journals back to their seats. They copy journal prompts or words from the board and must record the date



Language Arts Rotation

We have four language arts groups. They rotate four times each day so Mrs. Foresman and I get to spend time with each group. I also oversee the neos, typing table and she monitors the independent table. Parent Volunteers will be asked to help with the independent and neo tables. You must be a trained volunteer to participate.



Recess

Every day we go out to the playground for 15 minutes followed by a rest room break. The children know to line up when I blow the whistle!



Math Groups

There are three math group and they rotate up to three times a day depending on the activity. Differentiated learning activities address the specific areas a student needs to master all of the kindergarten skills.

Lunch

Students who have lunch boxes sit down at the table first followed by

Center Time- see page 3

Specials: Daily except for Monday.

Science, Health and Social Studies 20 minutes a day.

Wish List

Our classroom is well equipped but there are certain things we need.. If you would like to help, please take a star home!

Arrival

Students should arrive before the 7:45 AM bell rings.



Unpack

They enter the classroom and begin to unpack their backpack..



Red Folders/Thursday Folders

Each day they put their red communications folder in Mrs. Foresman's mailbox. Thursday folders also go in the mailbox..

All notes including transportation notes, doctors excuses and other correspondence should be placed in the folder.



Lunch Selection/Lunch Box

Students make a lunch selection using the chart in front of the classroom.



Note: If a student has ice cream money (\$.50)

they should place the envelope in their cubby. They may get it out of their cubby when they line up for lunch.



Rewards and Consequences

Students are rewarded for good behavior as an individual, a table and as a whole classroom. Rewards include: special duties, having their best work on display and earning chips.

Consequences occur when a student needs to be reminded of proper classroom behavior. The rules are simple and easy to remember but from time to time many students need to be reminded to: follow directions, raise their hand before speaking, respect other students and teachers and to use self-control.

Centers



Center Time

Students must clean up after themselves before choosing another activity.

The Center Schedule

The schedule is posted and is color coded. Students are in color groups and have different centers each day. The rotation includes: Computers and Science, Words and Pictures, Arts and Crafts, and Math Bins and Building. Friday is a Free Day.

