



Absence: If your child is ill, please call the office and inform us of your child's absence.



Birthdays: Birthdays are special occasions for young children. If your child wishes, he/she may bring a store bought treat for the class. We will celebrate summer birthdays during the last few weeks of school.



Communication: It is extremely important that you and I maintain ongoing communication to ensure the success of your child's kindergarten experience. Do not hesitate to pull me aside or give me a call at anytime.



Dress: Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We will go outside whenever possible.



Emergencies: Please make sure we have up to date emergency numbers and information on file for your child.



Friday Folders: A weekly folder will come home each Friday with your child's schoolwork and other important information. Please look through the folder and return it (empty) on Monday of the following week.



Get ready for a great year!



Health: Please let me know of special circumstances which may affect your child. These could include medication that may make him sleepy, a death in the family, etc. This will help in making our classroom a better environment for your child.



Independent Reading: Because children learn to read by reading, they need plenty of opportunities to read independently. Sufficient time and appropriate materials are necessary to develop and strengthen reading abilities. By giving the children time to read both at school and at home, we can work together to provide a literature-rich environment and a life-long love of reading.



Journals: Your child will write in a journal daily throughout the school year. Sometimes this will be an arrival activity other times this may be a reflection activity or a center station.



Kindness: Students in our classroom are encouraged and expected to treat all members of our class as well as others with kindness and respect. Bothering others, bullying and interrupting learning will not be permitted.



Literacy Centers: During literacy centers, children practice reading and writing skills while the teacher works with individual children or small guided reading groups. The center activities are designed to strengthen letter/sound knowledge, listening skills, oral language expression, rhyme, and word formation.



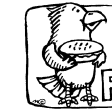
Management: I will be introducing a money-based management system in the classroom that teaches students about economics at a young age. Students are able to gain real-life experiences about money savings and spending through our "Hollywood Bank" and "Mystery Marketplace".



Newsletters: A monthly newsletter will be sent home in your child's Friday Folder. It will contain information about our thematic unit, classroom activities, announcements, and upcoming events.



Office: Please contact the office if there are changes in your child's after school routine or if your child must be absent.



Pal Projects: Your child will write to a Kindergarten pen pal from Korea this year. I think it will be a great opportunity for your child to learn first hand about children their age in other countries and work on writing skills.



Quiet Time: There are no naps in Kindergarten, but after a long day at Spencer Trail I know some students will be tired. I provide a half hour quiet activity time after lunch for your child to rest, relax, and rejuvenate.



Rules: Please point out the moments when you see your child being Respectful and Responsible. They will quickly learn what those words mean when they are talked about daily, both at home and at school.



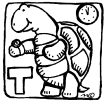
Always shoot for the moon; even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.





Super Star of the Week: Starting in September, each child will get a chance to be a Hollywood Star in our classroom. While your child is the Star of the Week, each day of the week will consist of an exciting event or activity to honor him/her. I will send home a reminder a week before your child's week.

Swimming: Thursday is swimming day. Don't forget to bring your suits & towels!



Toys: Bringing toys to school is discouraged because they distract the children from learning. If a toy is accidentally lost or broken, feelings will be hurt. Students may bring in books that are clearly marked with your child's name.



"U" are important in your child's learning!



Visitors: So students stay engaged in learning, please try to make extra special visits, drop offs, and pick ups as short and quiet as possible.



Writing Workshop: Your child will get to experience the stages of publishing books this year as we learn about the process of writing.



I am **eXcited** to work with **you** and **your** child this year! Make sure he/she gets plenty **zzzzz's** each night as we have exciting days planned for this year. ☺

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