

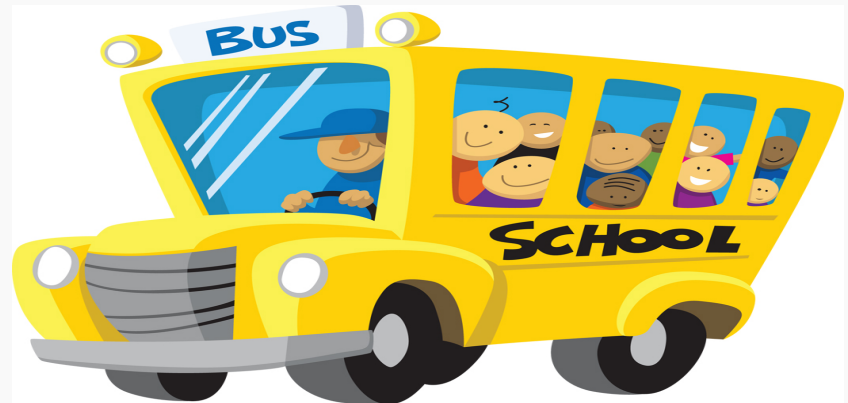
# Kindergarten Parent Information

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!



# Morning Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

- Morning car riders may be dropped off at main doors, no earlier than 8:30
- Final bell rings at 8:40
- School is dismissed at 3:25
- Students will be bus riders unless there is a set car rider schedule worked out between teacher and parents
- Students can only be a car rider with a signed note from the parents addressed to the teacher
- Students will not be able to take a different bus without written permission. Mrs. Jordan will sign off on this note and the student will give the note to the bus driver



# Approximate Daily Schedule

Morning Check – In

Literacy

Guided Reading/Daily 5

Lunch

Recess

Eagle Time/Remediation/Content

Specials (Art, Music, PE, Technology)

Writing

Math

Pack – Up

# Library Checkout

- Each class will checkout books one day per week.
- Two books will be allowed.
- We encourage you to read these books to your child.
- Books are due back the following week.
- Children cannot checkout books unless all books have been returned.



# Behavior Policy

- We have simple classroom rules children are expected to follow: be kind, be safe, be a good listener, and work carefully.
- Positive reinforcements for good choices. Lost privileges for poor choices.
- Students move up and down on the Behavior Ladder throughout the day.
- Students will have the opportunity to receive recognition from all staff members by receiving special raffle tickets for appropriate behavior.
- Parents will be contacted by Think Sheet, email or telephone call regarding serious behavior problems.
- Our goal is to send home a daily report of behavior for that day.
- Our goal is for all our children to be in a comfortable and safe place where they can learn.

# Behavior Ladder

**Purple**—Outstanding

**Light Blue**—Great Day

**Blue**—Good Day

**Green**—Ready to learn

**Yellow**—Think

**Orange**—Teacher Choice

**Red**—Parent Contact

# Cafeteria

- The cafeteria serves breakfast at 8:30 each morning. Students can go to breakfast before coming to class if they choose.
- Students will attend lunch everyday at 10:45
- Students can bring a lunch from home in a lunch container with their name written on the inside.
- Students can also purchase a lunch from the school cafeteria.
- Choices include hot lunch, yogurt /PBJ, or turkey/salad. The cost of lunch is \$1.85
- We ask that you send lunch money to school in a sealed envelope with your child's name and lunch account number written clearly on the front
- Each student will have their own lunch account number that they will need to enter on a keypad. We will send home practice sheets. Thank you for your support!



# Homework

- Read to your child daily. We recommend 20 minutes per day.
- We would like to start Baggy Books after Fall Conferences.
- Practice Quarterly sight words frequently.
- Family activities will come home throughout the school year.
- Math Homework will be sent home on occasion



# Daily 5/Guided Reading

We believe the foundation for these routines begins in kindergarten. Therefore, we will spend several weeks establishing procedures so that students will be able to do these routines independently. Small group instruction will begin in September.

- Meet with Teacher in small group
- Differentiated Instruction
- Individual assessment
- Parent Volunteers are needed!
- Word Work
- Read To Self
- Work on Writing
- Listening to Reading
- Read to Someone
- Alphabetic Principle



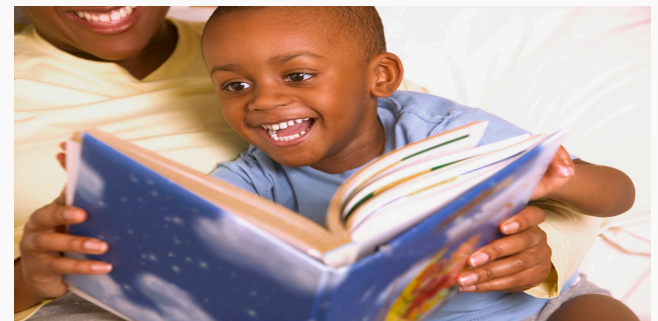
# The BIG Five

- Phonemic Awareness (FSF)
- Alphabetic Principle (LNF)
- Accuracy and Fluency
- Comprehension
- Vocabulary

All of these skills are tested throughout grades Kindergarten through Second in some manner on the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Early Literacy Skills) test. This test is given at the beginning, middle and end of the year.

# What parents can do at home:

- Read a story to your child every day
- Provide a quiet space and time where your child can receive uninterrupted support to complete assignments and baggy books.
- Check your child's backpack and take home folder each night. Sign homework or reading logs.
- Please make sure toys and other items are not brought to school. These items are very distracting to children and can easily interrupt our day.
- Ensure your child attends school regularly and on time.
- Read newsletters from the classroom and school to make sure your child is prepared each day.
- Take the time to read our group classroom emails as we often send reminders.
- Communicate with us about academic, behavior, and home concerns.
- Participate in parent-teacher conferences.



# **Parent Teacher Conferences**

**Scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:10-8:00**

**October 7<sup>th</sup> 1:10-3:45**

**More information to follow.**

# Report Cards

- Report cards will go home at the end of each quarter. Conferences will be held in October.
- Noblesville Kindergarten Progress Reports are standards based.
- We will be assessing different standards in different quarters.
- Students will receive scores of 1, 2, or 3 with 3 being consistently applying the skill or concept correctly.
- Students will also be receiving scores of a – or X. X meaning that the student consistently identifies letters, sounds or numbers independently. A (-) indicates that students are not consistently displaying this skill.
- Developmental Levels of Spelling are assessed each quarter.
- Writing is assessed each quarter and there is a rubric explaining the levels.



# **Early Release Days**

## **Dismissed at 2:55**

- **August 27**
- **September 10 & 24**
- **October 29**
- **November 12**
- **December 3**
- **January 21**
- **February 4 & 18**
- **March 4 & 18**
- **April 22**
- **May 6**

# Other Important Dates

August 4 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of School
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Labor Day-No School
October 13-24	Fall Vacation-No School
November 26-28	Thanksgiving Vacation-No School
Dec 22-January 5	Winter Break-No School
January 19	MLK-No School
February 16	President's Day-No School
March 30-April 10	Spring Vacation-No School
May 25	Memorial Day-No School
June 3	Last Day of School

June 4-10 has been designated as flex days in order to reserve these dates for school make-up days. Please take this into consideration when scheduling summer activities.



# Birthdays!

- We LOVE birthdays and think they are very special days. Your child's teacher will help celebrate your child's birthday in class. However, Noblesville Schools has a policy stating that parents are not allowed to bring in birthday treats.
- Procedures for invitations: Invite EVERYONE in the class or mail the invitations. The PTO usually provides a Student Directory with addresses. Little ones are very sensitive to not being included!



# Study Trips

**We will try to go on two study trips this school year. Volunteers must have a data form on file two weeks prior to the trip. We are hoping that we will visit Russell Farms this fall. More information will be sent in September. Parents will not ride the school bus with us, but will meet us at our destinations. Please remember that any younger siblings will not be able to attend a study trip.**



Thank you for attending Back To School Night!

There is a parent information sheet in your orientation folder. Please take this information home, and spend some time reading through the information. Feel free to contact me with questions.

It is going to be a GREAT year in kindergarten!