



Attendance - A successful school experience is the responsibility of the child, the parents, and the school. Your child's progress, both academically and socially, is influenced to a great extent by daily participation. Regular attendance is critical.

Absences - Students need to be in school as much as possible. We are building language, working on auditory development, and using hands-on materials to enhance our learning. These activities cannot be duplicated for students who are missing. Excessive absences hinder a child's progress. If your child is going to be absent, you must call the office at **(586) 797-4300** by 8:30 A.M. Please try to plan family trips during our scheduled breaks.

Arrival – School begins promptly at 9:00am our first bell rings at 8:50 am. Dismissal is at 3:50pm.

Allergies - If your child has any allergies, please make sure that we are aware of them. We especially need to know about food allergies and insect bite reactions. Be sure the office has these noted in your child's file.

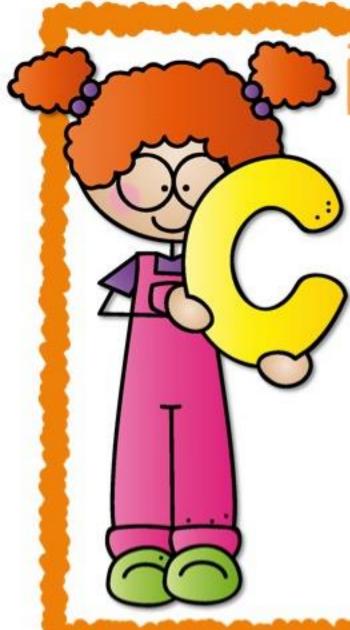


Birthdays - Birthdays are very important to children. In class, we will celebrate your child's birthday in a special way! If your child has a summer birthday, then we will celebrate their birthday at the end of the school year. I will be emailing in late May/early June to set up a date! Classroom food treats are not permitted. Instead of a food treat please make goody bags for each student and your child can pass them out to their friends on their special day! If candy is being put inside the bags be sure it is peanut and tree nut free.

*** School policy does not permit party invitations to be brought to school and shared unless everyone in the class is being invited.

Backpacks - Backpacks help your child carry folders, notes, projects, and books to and from school. Your child will be expected to empty their backpacks each morning. Please make sure the backpack is big enough to hold at least a regular size of paper. We ask you to not send backpacks that have wheels.

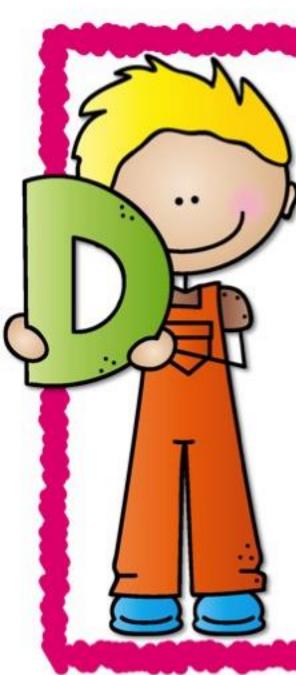
Blended Learning- Our classroom is a blended learning environment. Students will complete activities tailored to their individual needs and will be meeting me for small group instruction.



Communication Folder – Communication folders will be sent home daily. Please review the folder and keep the items on the "Keep at home" side of the folder. Please put anything that needs to be returned to school on the "Return to School" side of the folder.

Common Core- Curriculum is aligned with National Common Core State Standards.

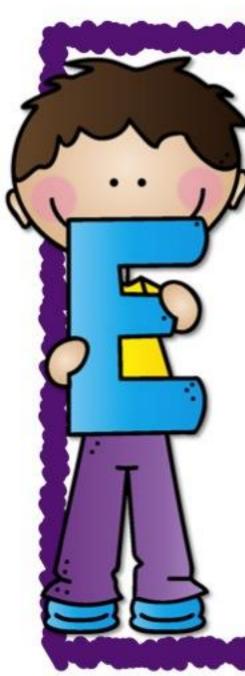
Conferences- Parent teacher conferences are a time to discuss your child's accomplishments, strengths, and over all progress. We will have one scheduled conference around the end of the first card marking. Please feel free to schedule conferences any time throughout the year if the need arises.



Dismissal- On a full day of school dismissal is at <u>3:50</u>. (Kindergarteners are dismissed at 3:45) Students will be let out of door 9 (Parents pickups you may wait outside of door 9 for your child).

Half Days- students are let out at 12:04

Dreambox- Students will have individualized math lessons on a website called Dreambox. Students will use laptops and complete activities at individual learning levels. Information will come home later in the year about how your child can access Dreambox at home!



Early Dismissal- Please be sure to check in at office if your child needs to leave early. The office will call your child down and you will sign them out.

Email- Email is the best form of communication throughout the busy day!

eSpark- Instruction will be differentiated using a program on the Ipads called espark. This program will assist to meet your child's individual needs in both reading and math.



Field Trips- We plan field trips that are fun and educational for children. Please sign and return permission slips promptly. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Please look for information coming home about upcoming field trips!

Footwear- Please have your child wear shoes that are appropriate for running and active movement. Dress shoes or flip flops for example, are not good for school activities because they are inappropriate for gym or the playground.

ON GYM DAYS STUDENTS MUST WEAR GYM SHOES OR THEY WILL NOT GET TO PARTICIPATE



Guided reading- The definition of guided reading encompasses a wide variety of behaviors. For example, some children may be working on alphabet recognition, some may require teacher support to read stories with predictable text, while others may read texts independently. Guided reading provides an opportunity to provide the variety of the reading strategies they need in order to become fluent, independent readers. During guided reading, the teacher monitors and evaluates each child's progress in a small group setting. Books will eventually come home from our guided reading groups for added practice at home!



Hands On Learning- The best way to help children learn is to make learning fun. Important concepts can be learned by doing meaningful hands-on activities. There are times when seatwork is required and necessary but for the most part our classroom will be an active learning environment.

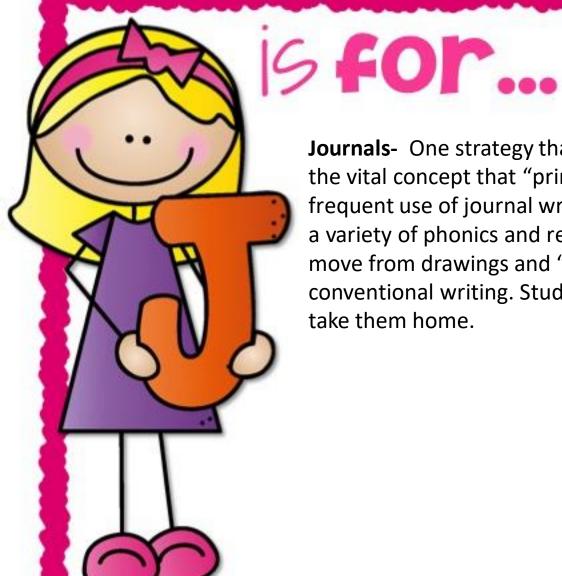
Homework- Reading daily will your child is the best homework you can do! Rainbow Words will be sent home late Fall. Your child will study their individual sight word lists and be tested 1x a week!



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Illness- The question of when to keep your child home from school is often a difficult one, especially when decisions must be made first thing in the morning. It important however, to keep your child home if he/she is ill. This helps to make the more comfortable and prevents others from becoming ill. Children function more effectively in the class when they are healthy. We also would like to keep a healthy environment for other students as well.

I-Pad- Students will work on individual learning goals. One tool will be a ipad apps. Each student will have individual apps that align with their learning goals. Be sure your child has working headphones (labeled with their name) over the head pair that plug in no Bluetooth or airpods.



Journals- One strategy that will be used to help convey the vital concept that "print conveys meaning" is the frequent use of journal writing. As children are exposed to a variety of phonics and reading experiences, journals will move from drawings and "phonetic" spelling towards conventional writing. Students will work on journals and take them home.



Kindness- Students in our classroom are expected to treat all members of our class as well as others with kindness and respect. Hitting, fighting, namecalling and making fun of others is not to be permitted.



Lunch- Students are to bring a packed lunch to school daily. If your child wishes to buy please discuss with your child that they are buying so they can communicate it to their teacher. Lunch menus can be found online through our K website. 2023-2024 school lunch is FREE!

Literacy Stations- Students will work at Literacy Stations as part of our blended learning environment. The stations will reinforce reading and writing skills.



Math- The kindergarten math curriculum provides students with mathematical experiences that help them develop number sense and a positive attitude towards math that will continue through their school career and lives. We will use a variety of approaches: hands-on problem solving, math centers, individual lpad apps and Dreambox will be utilized to differentiate instruction.

* A math homework book will come home too that is to be done weekly. Pages will assigned in our weekly newsnotes.

Music- Students will attend music on a weekly basis.



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Newsletters- A weekly newsletter will be provided on Fridays, through REMIND. Please be sure to check the website weekly for important information too. The newsletter will inform you of what we did the past week, what we will do the upcoming week and school/class happenings. Always be on the lookout for important dates. Our website will be a vital tool to stay on track of what is happening in your child's school day!





Parent Volunteers- Your support of school activities makes your child feel important and sends the message that you value school. Parent volunteers are needed in the classroom daily! At open house you will be given information on how you can sign up to volunteer in our class!

Parties & Celebrations – We will have class parties for special occasions (i.e., Halloween, Valentines etc.) More information will be provided at open house.



Questions- Please free to contact me via REMIND, email, communication folder or telephone if you have any questions.



Report Cards- Report cards are issued four times a year. These reports reflect the progress you child has made towards various kindergarten objectives and use a grading system that reflects the developmental nature of kindergarten learning. Please make sure your parent portal is set up to access your child's report card online!



Science- The focus of the science curriculum is on developing an awareness of the world in which we live. Through scientific inquiry, concepts will be presented in the life and earth sciences, including the study of animals and plants, five senses and general health. These areas will be explored utilizing a literacy based, hands on approach.

Snack- Students are to bring 2 healthy snacks each day. Please pack these snacks separate from their lunch! Check to see if your child's classroom is peanut/tree nut free!



Technology- Students will be exposed to a variety of technology. Laptops, interactive board, desktop computers, and Ipads will be utilized. Students will use technology across all subject areas. Students will set individual learning goals too.



Unique- Kindergarteners learn that they are special and unique. They have the opportunities to describe how they are alike as well as different from others. This is also covered during our social studies curriculum.



Visitors- ALL GUESTS (including familiar faces) are required to check in the office and wear a visitors badge. Our school encourages family involvement. It is also required that ALL volunteers complete and submit a background check in order to volunteer at Crissman Elementary or attend any field trips.



Water Bottles- Students are allowed to bring in ONE water bottle to keep at their seat for the day. ONLY water is allowed in the classroom. Please send in reusable water bottles only (no screw tops these tend to spill easily)

Wish List- Throughout the year we may need supplies above and beyond our classroom materials. These items will be posted to our website. Extra items that you think we might be able to use are always welcome!

Writing- Our writing program builds on what children already know. Writing begins with scribbles and proceeds to lines, random strings of letters, words and spaces, and eventually sentences. You child will be praised for ALL attempts and accomplishments in writing. Providing a risk-free environment is paramount to you child's progress in writing.



eXciting- We will have some eXciting experiences in Kindergarten this year!



Younger Siblings-

It is your child's and the programs best interested to have our parents volunteer in our classroom without younger siblings attending. This not only allows your full attention to be focused on the class, but also allows for some special time between you and your kindergartner. Thank you marking childcare arrangements for younger siblings.



Zzzz's- Make sure that your child gets plenty of rest. Setting and keeping a bedtime is a wonderful gift you can give your child. It will help them to be alert and ready to learn each day!

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Examples that you could use for each letter:
A- absences, attendance, arrival, allergies, art B- birthdays, book orders, backpacks, behavior plan, breakfast C- curriculum, clothing, counselor, calendar, conferences D- Dismissal, discipline, daily 5 E- Email, Early dismissal, expectations, emergency procedures
F- field trips, fire drills, Friday folders G- goals, gym
H- hands on learning, health, homework I- internet usage, independence, illness
J-joyful learning, journals K- kindness
L-labeling, library, lunch, literacy centers/stations M- meetings, medicine, math stations/centers, music
☐ N- newsletters, nightly reading, nurse, notes
0- office, organization P- parties, parent involvement, PTO, playground Q- questions, quiet time
R- report cards, restrooms, recess

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