<u>Kindergarten Policies at a Glance!</u> 2020-2021



Drop-off and Pick-up

*Students meet in the cafeteria before school. Teachers will bring the children up to the classroom at 7:30. (Students are tardy after 7:50 a.m.) Being on time is important to starting a great day! A quick goodbye is most effective. (Breakfast service begins at 7:00.)

*Students will be dismissed at 3:05 pm to go to cars, buses and after school care. Kindergarten parents are encouraged to pick up their students promptly at the rock wall in front of the school. <u>PLEASE have your name placard displayed in your windshield</u> so that it is easily visible for quick pick-up. Please remain in your vehicle as walking up to the pick-up line is not allowed at this time.

*If you pick up your student prior to release time, you <u>must</u> sign him/her out at the office. Early pick-up means that your child is missing out on vital learning activities, so we ask that you only pick up early when *necessary*.

*Visitors are not allowed in the building at this time, but you may <u>drop off items</u> for your child in the office when necessary.

*Please do NOT send lunch money to the classroom. It is best to pay for cafeteria services online using the KISD website.

Attendance:

The Absence Policy is detailed in the Parent Handbook which is available in print or online.

Parents must send a written note citing the reason for absence within 3 days.

Homework- In kindergarten, the most important "homework" is reading to/with your child. You will use a reading log to track how many books you read with your child. (ALL types of reading count!) Our goal is a minimum of 20 books per 6-week period. Kids who read 120 or more books by the end of the year will receive an award at our End of Year ceremony!

Additional materials will come home as the year progresses, including word lists and paper decodable books for you to keep at home. These provide you with an opportunity to work with your child and see how he/she is progressing.

Our weekly newsletter, "Kinder Korner", will be posted on Seesaw to let you know what we are working on in class so that you can talk with your child about what we are learning at school.

Stay in touch through Seesaw Family App!

All families must download the Seesaw FAMILY App to receive announcements and communication from the teacher! You will receive a log-in code for your child. The Seesaw app allows you to read class announcements (and newsletters) and privately message your child's teacher.



"Going Home" Instructions-

*Any change in how your child will go home from school must be communicated using Seesaw or by calling the office with instructions <u>prior to 2:00 pm</u>.

Toy Policy-Please leave ALL toys, jewelry, lip gloss or other items at home! We have so much to keep us busy here at school and things from home tend to cause distraction and conflict! If items from home come out of the backpack, I collect them and return them at a later time or call the parent to retrieve the items from the office.

Birthdays- If you would like to provide birthday treats, please send only pre-packaged snacks with your child in the <u>morning</u> so we can have them ready to serve at our convenience in the afternoon. (We will not be able to serve treats that arrive at the last minute!) Please do not send additional items like drinks, party favors or balloons.

Extra Clothes - Please keep an extra set of clean clothes and a spare mask in your child's backpack at all times. Accidents and spills will happen, and we want to be prepared.

Be comfortable!

Children who are uncomfortable can't learn and enjoy school! We encourage children to have the following:

- *regular lip balm (to be kept in the backpack)
- *sweatshirt/light jacket to be left in the cubby (the AC can get very chilly!)
- *extra shoes in the backpack if wearing sandals or shoes that might rub blisters (We recommend comfortable play shoes and NOT flip-flops at school!)

Your student will need a clean mask and <u>water bottle</u> (with plain water) each day at school!