



Reading is a huge emphasis for us this year. Your child should be able to read all 48 of the kindergarten sight words and sound out 3 letter phonetic words independently by the end of the school year. In order to achieve this, I need your help! Please read with your child, help them with their sounds, have them use their finger to follow along as they read, and practice the two sight words given each week nightly. Make it part of your nightly routine to sit with your child and read for 20 minutes each evening.



Arrival / Dismissal

The tardy bell rings at 8:10 a.m. The doors do not open until 8:00 a.m. unless your child is having breakfast at school. Students may come into the building at 7:45 a.m. if they need to eat breakfast. **There is a \$1.25 charge for breakfast this year.**

If your child is a bus rider, the bus will drop off and pick up your child at the main entrance in the front of the school. Your child is to walk to our room using the second and third grade hallway. At dismissal time, the kindergarten children are placed on the bus before the older children are dismissed.

If your child is a walker, he/she needs to come in the main entrance and then walk to our room the same as the bus riders. At dismissal time, your child will be placed on the benches in the front entrance where siblings or friends can find them to walk them home.

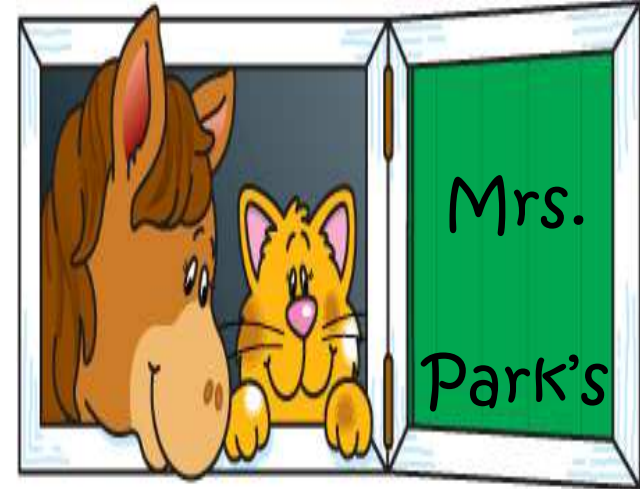
If your child will be a car rider, please pull your car around the circle drive at the back of the school and remain in your car. A teacher will help your child get out of the car. At dismissal time, pull your car around the circle drive and remain in your car. We will put your child in your car. We ask you to be patient and wait your turn in line. Thanks!

IF ANYONE OTHER THAN THE REGULAR PERSON IS PICKING UP YOUR CHILD, OR IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING HOME WITH ANOTHER CHILD, OR IN A DIFFERENT WAY, I MUST HAVE A NOTE OR A CALL FROM THE OFFICE STATING THE NEW WAY FOR THAT DAY. OTHERWISE, THE REGULAR ROUTINE WILL BE



Welcome

to



2013-2014 Kindergarten Classroom Information

W.D. Richards Elementary
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Mystery Bag

I will be sending the Mystery Bag home with your child from time to time. I ask that your child save anything that he/she would want to share with the class for when the Mystery Bag is sent home.

When the bag comes home, your child should find something that will fit inside to bring and share with the class. He/she with help should write clues or dictate the clues to be written by someone to describe the item. I recommend bringing items that will be hard for the other children to guess. Please encourage your child to bring something other than a toy that will be easily guessed. The clues work best if they are in order from the most general to more specific. Here is an example of three clues for a sand dollar.

1. It is white.
2. It has holes in it.
3. It came from the ocean.



- **Homework:** There will be homework every evening Monday- Thursday. Please be sure to check your child's folder and homework calendar each evening.
- **Behavior:** Your child will color in his/her behavior color at the end of each day so that you know what kind of day he/she had at school.

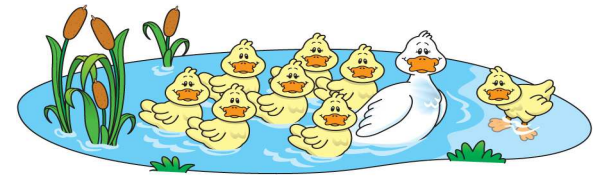
Blue: good choices

Green: warning: stop and think about making better choices

Yellow: walk on the thinking track at recess to think about making better choices

Red: removed from the room, discipline form or call home to parent-office referral possible

- **Communication:** A weekly newsletter will be emailed out each Monday. If you do not have access to email weekly, please let me know so that I can send home a paper copy.
- **Report Cards:** Kindergarten has a standards based report card that is sent home at the end of each nine weeks grading period. It is based on mastery of kindergarten standards. We have a new report card this year. More info will come out about this soon!



Memory Book Donation

We are asking each family to donate \$10.00 or a Walgreens gift card to use toward the printing of photos for a memory book of each child's kindergarten year. I take a lot of photos throughout the year of your child's experience in kindergarten. The memory book is a true keepsake .

Snack

We will have a snack each afternoon due to an early lunch time. We rely on families to supply the snacks throughout the year. The snacks need to be store bought, not homemade. I will have a sign up sheet for each family to select a week to bring in snack that is convenient for them. I will also send home a reminder note with a list of suggested snacks and the number of students in the class one week before it is your week to donate.

