

Back-to-School Night

Notes of Interest

September 13, 2011



General Information

Behavior

I expect that your child will come to school ready to learn. Please refer to the Lees Corner How to "Bee" Cool in School reference guide. Please review the rules and expectations with your child. Your child will bring home a calendar in his/her Daily Folder everyday. It will be colored to correspond with his/her behavior. Please initial the box and return the calendar the next day.

Book Orders

I will send home book order forms and other offers with the monthly classroom newsletters. These books are of good quality and they are often priced lower than many bookstore prices. When students order, our class is awarded bonus points that I use to order more books and materials for our classroom. If you choose to place an order, please make checks payable to the company listed on the book order. You may also place your order online. The due date and online link is sent home each month.

Birthdays

We would love to share in the celebration of your child's birthday. Celebrations of birthdays vary from classroom to classroom. I will provide each child with a classroom song, sticker, and pencil. No special treats are necessary from home. If you wish to send a small treat for the entire class prior arrangements must be made with me. Please do not send in food. Due to food allergies, I am requesting small novelty items such as pencils or stickers be provided. I will assist the child in sharing the treat as our schedule permits. "End of the year celebrations" will be held for the summer birthdays.

Change in Transportation

The office is a very busy place. If your child is utilizing a different form of transportation on a given day, a **written note** should be sent with your child and your child must give me the note in the **morning**. Even though your child may be very trustworthy, a written note from you assists me with dismissal procedures. I do realize that last minute situations occur and you may need to pick up your child without prior planning. In that case, please call the office. Do not call my voice mail.

Homework

Take Home reading will be assigned Monday through Thursday. Additional homework assignments will be given out on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is to be completed and returned no later than the following day. Each child will bring home a Daily Folder. The homework calendar in the folder will inform the parent of the child's daily homework assignment. The homework calendar is to be checked and initialed nightly by the parent. The homework calendar, behavior calendar, Take Home Reading materials, and the Daily Folder are to be returned the next day. Normally, I will not assign homework on Fridays. You may guide your child through homework assignments. Please do not complete the assignments for your child. Homework provides practice with skills, develops responsibility, and allows for enrichment. Homework will begin in October. Additional information will follow.

Lunch

Please prepay for your child's lunch in the cafeteria. If you are sending money with your child, please place the money in a coin purse or a sealed envelope. Clearly label the purse or envelope with your *child's first and last name*. Loose change is distracting and easily lost.

Voice Mail and Email

Lees Corner Elementary School is utilizing a voice mail system to facilitate incoming calls. Please be aware that due to my instructional procedures and classroom routines, **I will only be checking my voice mail and email before school and/or after school.** I do my best to return phone calls, and/or respond by note within a day. Time constraints do not allow me to check my voice mail and email during the day.

Therefore, please do not leave messages regarding absences and changes in transportation on my voice mail. If a change in transportation occurs without notice, call the school office. In case of emergency, call the school office directly. ****Teaching and learning are my priorities during the instructional day. The best way to contact me is still a handwritten note placed in your child's daily folder.****

Snack

Please send a snack with your child Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please place the snack in a bag that is separate from lunch boxes. (First Grade students have a difficult time deciding what is for lunch and what is for snack.) If your child's snack requires a spoon, please remember to send the spoon from home. Extra spoons are not available in the classroom. Print your child's name on his/her snack bag and drink. (Students are permitted to bring a drink from home for snack time. ☺)

Extras

Please have your child clean out his/her backpack nightly. Too many items in the backpack cause for confusion and lost instructional time. Do not permit your child to bring toys, candy, purses, fancy eraser tops, etc. to school. These items are not necessary and only provide distraction to the child and the classroom.

Remember to label your child's belongings. In the event of a missing or lost item, your child should check the school's lost and found.

Our Schedule

Lunch: 11:20-11:50 (10:20-10:50 on Mondays)

Snack: Tuesday through Friday

Music: Tuesday, Friday

PE: Tuesday, Thursday (Children must wear sneakers to participate in class.)

Art: Friday

Library: Monday

Computer Lab: Thursday

Contact the Teacher

School Office:

Email Address:

*I will only access voice mail and email before and after school. If you have a message that needs to get to me that day, please send a note or call the school office directly. ☺