



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Mrs. Williams' Class 2019-2020

I am very excited to have your child in my class this year! Please read through the following topics, you will find a few of the important procedures for our classroom.

Day to Day Items:

***Daily Supplies:** Many school supplies will be the property of whoever brought them. Your child will be responsible for taking care of them. If for some reason your child runs out or destroys a supply, you will receive a note asking to replace the item.

***Library Books:** Children will visit the library with their class. Each student will have a chance to check out a new book before our next Library Day. In Kindergarten, these books stay in our classroom instead of being taken home as we learn to care for books.

***Money:** Periodically, your child will bring money to school for lunch, snack, etc. When sending the money to school, be sure to use an envelope or zip lock bag, **CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME, WHAT THE \$ IS FOR, AND THE AMOUNT ENCLOSED.** Please send exact change when sending cash. Checks for lunches should be made payable to FISD. A great option is to pay with an online account through the school website! <https://www.schoolcafe.com/fisd>

***Meals:** Breakfast is \$1.50 and lunches are \$2.45 per day. The price list can be found at <https://www.schoolcafe.com/fisd>

The menu is in the local newspaper, as well as posted on the school website. Free/reduced applications can be made online at <http://www.fisdnutrition.com/>

***Transportation:** Please remember to **NOTIFY US IN WRITING** if there are changes in the way your child will be going home from school. Without written instructions from you, we will send your child home in the usual manner. You CAN call the school by/before 2:00 p.m. and notify the office of any changes. The office will notify the classroom teacher. **(We CAN NOT accept verbal changes from your child or a sibling)**

***Field Trips:** Periodically, we will schedule trips to enhance our curriculum. Permission slips and cost information will be sent home prior to each trip. Transportation will be provided by Fairfield Independent School District school buses.

***Clothing:** Kindergarteners are involved in activities that require jumping, running, climbing, etc. In class, students will be cooking, painting, using markers, using glue, working with play dough and other "messy" things. Please select clothing and shoes that are both comfortable and appropriate for these activities. Flip flops, dressy shoes and sandals with heels make it difficult for your child to participate in PE and recess.

Folders: Your Kindergartener will use a folder we provide every day to develop organizational skills and learn responsibility. Kindergarten is a foundational year, and it is important to teach children how to keep up with homework, papers, and important notes. This folder is a way of maintaining effective communication between home and school. It aims to eliminate lost notes, newsletters, calendars, and homework as well as keep parents and students informed of important events and academic progress. *The children are responsible for placing the folder in the designated area each morning.* The children are responsible for getting their folder and placing it in their own backpack each afternoon during "packing time". ***Please clean out the "keep at home" section every night.**

Folder Rules

- * The folder contains everything you will need for school every day.
 - * Please take very good care of it.. It will be used all year.
 - *Please do not make any marks or drawings in your folder.
 - *Please do not put school supplies or heavy items in your folder..
 - *Clean out the "keep at home" section every night.
- *Take your folder home with you every day and bring it to school with you in the morning.
- *After your homework is done, put it back in your folder and backpack so you won't forget it!
 - *Keep your folder clean. Please do not eat or drink while using it.
- *Show your folder to your family every day. They will be so proud that you are learning responsibility!

Here's what you will find inside of The Folder:

****Conduct Calendar - Please sign this calendar each day.** This calendar will keep you informed of your child's behavior according to the behavior plan explained below. It will be on the back side of your child's communicator. One side will be the calendar. On the back of the calendar, there will be a list of rules with a number. If your child moves their color, I will indicate which rule he/she broke according to the number beside the rule. If your child's calendar is blank for that day, that means your child had a great day and is on blue. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

****Pre-Decodables/Decodables-** These will be read in the classroom throughout the week. When they are sent home, review with your child and practice reading it with them. This will greatly increase their reading fluency and reinforce our sight words.

****Homework -** Later, your child will have a Homework section (left pocket) that will contain work to be completed at home. It will come home on Mondays and be due each Thursday. When the work is

completed and returned, it is the responsibility of the student to remove the Homework and place it in the "Homework Basket". Please see that your child completes all tasks and assist them as needed. This work will reinforce what we are learning at school. Remember that it is O.K. to assist, but please let your child do the work in order to gain the benefit from it.

Sight Word envelope

A Sight Word envelope will stay in the folder. New words will be sent home to be added to the envelope at the beginning of each Quarter. We will not have covered them all when they come home. Your child will only need to study words that have been taught, but it is acceptable to move ahead as well if your child is ready. Please help your child learn to recognize, write, and spell the words.

****Reading Homework-** Later in the year, as your child learns more sight words and word family words, they will bring home weekly reading homework in their folder.

*****Classroom Conduct-** As you all know, the first few weeks at school are very hectic and also an EXTREMELY important time in building a safe and structured environment fit for learning. This is a time when we really practice and implement classroom rules and procedures. That being said, there will be students who pull their colors during the first weeks of school. We start practicing our rules and procedures from day one. Please understand that this is necessary in order to show the students that the rules and procedures are the most important part of having our classroom run smoothly. Providing a structured and kind classroom is one of the most important parts of my job. It is extremely difficult to teach and learn in a chaotic environment. As the children learn these very important rules and procedures, their color pulls decrease and their behavior improves, so please do not feel discouraged. Your help is greatly appreciated by reviewing and discussing your child's behavior daily. This is one of the most important ways you can assist your child in their education. Thank you so much for your support!

IMPORTANT! I only mark a color in folders if your child has MOVED their color. If they have a "blue" day, there will not be any color in the box

These are the most important procedures for our classroom. Please help your child learn to be responsible by encouraging him/her to be successful in following these procedures. As a team, you, your child, and I can make the Kindergarten learning experience fun and successful. Encourage your child to discuss school activities with you. Talk positively about school. The way your child perceives your feelings about his/her school and teachers will have a direct effect on how he/she feels about them. I am looking forward to an excellent year! I greatly appreciate your support and anticipate a FUN and successful school year!

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