

# My ABC'S For School

## A-Attendance

If your child is going to be absent please give the school a call.

## B-Backpacks

Make sure they are large! Children need to fit snow pants inside, a large picture book from the library, masterpieces of art, a lunch box, tennis shoes for gym etc. Please NO rolling backpacks.

## C-Conferences

We have 2 parent/teacher conferences each year; one in November and one in March. Dates and specifics will be coming soon.

## D-Dropping-Off & Picking Up

If you drop your child off in the morning, make sure that the front doors are unlocked before you drive away. (7:15) Children should head for the cafeteria for their free breakfast. If they are not eating breakfast, they must stay in the atrium. Children are NOT allowed in the hallways or classrooms. Children who are not riding the bus, and who will be picked up after school, will be in Mrs. Taylor's kindergarten room directly across from the office.

## E-e-mail

A great way to keep in touch with me is through e-mail. My e-mail address at school is:  
My home e-mail is:

## F-Folders

Every Friday your child will be taking home important notes from school and our classroom's weekly newsletter, + any work that they made that day in their Take Home Folder. I provide these. Please set aside a few minutes to read these things and praise your child's efforts as well as ask them about their day.

## G-Grading

Every nine weeks your child will receive a report card. These are yours to keep.

## H-Homework

We do not currently give homework in Y5's. Sometimes we will have a "school-home" connection for you to do with your child and send back for them to orally share with the class. Thanks in advance for participating.

## I-Illness

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send them, only to have them become ill at school compounding the problem. It also prevents others from becoming ill. Work does NOT have to be made up.

## **J-Join**

You are welcome to join us for fieldtrips and parties. We will be going on 2 fieldtrips and having 3 parties. There will be more on these activities later, and your help is definitely appreciated.

## **K-Kindness**

We will be learning how to observe the “Golden Rule” and treat others the way we want to be treated. I will be instilling in the children the importance of being kind and polite to their new friends.

## **L-Lunch**

Hot lunch is provided. The price is:                      There is also a free and reduced lunch program available if you qualify. You may obtain a form from the office.

## **M-Music**

Music, along with art, gym, computers, and Spanish, is one of your child’s wonderful exploratory blocks.

## **N-Newsletters**

I send a weekly newsletter home with your child every Friday in their Take Home Folder. .You will also receive a monthly activity calendar.

## **O-Open Door**

I have an “Open Door” policy. Visitors are always welcome! Stop by any time to see what’s going on in room #103.

## **P-Parties**

We will have three parties. The first will be our Halloween party, the next our Christmas party and our last one will be our Valentine’s Day party. Details will follow the week before the events. I will need volunteers to help, and of course parents, as well as grandparents are invited.

## **Q-Questions**

I’m always free to answer questions before school starts. I arrive at 6:30. The children begin arriving at 7:15 so you can leave me a message and I will get back to you ASAP. You can also reach me during my planning time which is posted in your child’s student handbook; after school is another time you can reach me. I’m usually at school ‘til 5:00; or you may call me at home. My number is:

## **R-Recess**

Your child will have 2; one in the morning and one at lunch time. It is one of their favorite parts of the day.

## **S-Snacks**

We have snack time each day. I do this via the Snack Sack. Each child gets a turn to take the sack home once a month. A Monthly Snack Calendar goes home in your child’s Take Home Folder the last week of the month. Details on this are in a separate note.

## **T-Toys**

I have “tons of toys” in our classroom for your child to play with. PLEASE do not allow your child to bring any from home tucked in their backpack or pockets. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

## U-“U”

You are very important in your child's education and the first teacher in your child's life. I will be calling on you often to reinforce the lessons that he/she is learning in school, by reviewing them at home. Please look at the work that they bring home each day, praise their efforts and hang a few things on the fridge, wall or cupboard.

## V-Volunteers

I'd love if you'd volunteer to help chaperone a fieldtrip, come help with a party, or come help in our classroom. We NEED and appreciate you! Our school does have a volunteer form for you to fill out and does a "background" check. Once you're cleared we're all set. I start receiving volunteers the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school. You can also volunteer outside the classroom, by being an "At home helper" and cutting things out, or assembling simple art projects for us. Thanks in advance for your time.

## W-What's In the Secret Sack?

This is my way of doing Show & Tell. When the bag marked "Secret Sack" comes home in your child's back pack, you'll know it's their turn to put something in the bag for Show & Tell time. We ask you to think up 3 clues and write them down so that the other children can guess what's in the Secret Sack.

## X-X-tra Clothes

It's a good idea to keep an extra set of clothes in your child's backpack just in case a bathroom, paint mess, or muddy playground accident happens. There's usually a zippered area that these can be tucked away in.

## Y-Younger Siblings

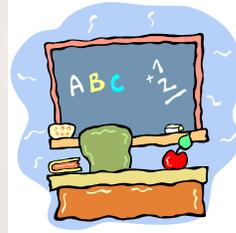
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## Z-ZZZZZs

Y five's do not have a daily rest time, that's why it is very important that your child is getting at least 8-10 hours of sleep at night for they are running "full tilt" all day and are usually exhausted by 2:30. I sometimes turn off the lights, play some soothing nature music and have the children lay on mats as a "quiet down" time if I think they need it. Some even nod off, but this is not part of our usual routine.

Make sure you set and keep that bedtime. What a wonderful gift you can give your child each morning when they wake up refreshed and excited to go to school where they will be alert and ready to learn! Snuggling and reading a bedtime story is a perfect way to end their day, for you and them! ☺





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