

MILK AND SNACKS

We drink milk at snack time each afternoon. The cost is \$0.50 per day. The cost for this milk will be deducted from your child's lunch card each day he/she drinks afternoon milk. When sending money or notes to school, they seem to arrive safer if they are enclosed in an envelope. When sending money, please state what the money is for and your child's account number on the front of the envelope and **place it in your child's bulldog folder.**



The school provides a daily snack for the children. However, we certainly welcome birthday snacks/treats! If you plan to send birthday snacks/treats, please let me know.



Birthday Parties - Students are allowed to bring in treats. If you would like to send treats please either send them in the morning with your child or drop them off in the office by 12:30.

Holiday Parties - We do have classroom holiday parties. You signed up for this at open house. As we get closer to parties, I will give out more information on what this looks like.

- Halloween Classroom Party
- Christmas Classroom Party
- Valentine's Day Classroom Party
- St. Patrick's Day (treats only)

TRANSPORTATION

If your child rides a bus, I need to know what bus number he/she rides. If your child does not ride a bus and will be picked up, please let me know WHO will be picking your child up. When a change in the routine occurs and the regular routine will not be followed, **I MUST HAVE A NOTE TO TELL ME THE CHANGE OF PLANS.**

I trust the children and realize that many are capable of giving me a message but sometimes between home and school small children are known to get mixed –up or



decide on their own to do something out of the ordinary routine. **YOUR CHILD'S NORMAL ROUTINE WILL NOT CHANGE UNLESS I EITHER HAVE A NOTE FROM YOU OR HEAR DIRECTLY FROM YOU.** Thank you.



LIBRARY BOOKS

One day each week the children will have a library class. The children will check out a book from the school library. The children may keep the book until the following week and then exchange the book for a new one. This helps them enjoy reading and learn responsibility at the same time. There will also be times that they will bring home a book from the classroom. Please take care of these paperback books as they might be part of our reading program.

RECESS

All students will go outside to recess unless a note is sent from the parents requesting that the child stay inside due to an illness. In cold weather, please see that your child has a warm coat, gloves, and some type of head covering. All weather boots are also required if it is snowy. (See RECESS POLICY in the Elementary Student Handbook.) The children need fresh air and exercise so please send warm clothing in the winter.

SPECIAL CLASSES

Kindergarten students will have a special class each day. Some of these classes will meet twice a week and some will only meet once a week. The special classes are as follows:

Music	Ms. Kelley
P.E.	Mr. Groomer
Guidance Curriculum	Mrs. Newcomer
Computer Lab	Mrs. Rankin
Library	Mrs. Hilton
Art	Mrs. Strough

Discipline:

My discipline strategies are based on the Love and Logic model, which emphasizes the importance of logical consequences for unacceptable actions, as well as involving the child in discussion of the action and consequence. I will communicate to you regarding discipline discussions with your child through emails, notes home and/or phone calls. In the event of a major inappropriate behavior or action, the child and teacher will notify the parent immediately by phone.

Classroom Jobs: Learning to take responsibility for our surroundings is one way that enforces logical consequences eg. if you make the mess you clean it up.

Your child will be rotated through a vast amount of jobs in our classroom ranging from taking care of our recycling, tending to our class library, organizing our art supplies and cleaning our room, ect. These jobs will encourage responsibility, as well as give them a sense of belonging. The jobs also help them to understand that we, as a class, need to work together to get our daily tasks accomplished. I would encourage you to have your children do jobs or chores around the house to help out.

At Stanberry R-II all Kindergarten children will:

- Learn, enjoy each other and have fun in school.
- May voice concerns and ask questions.
- Feel like they belong and fit in.
- Feel safe and free to make mistakes.
- Show respect.
- Help each other.

KINDERGARTEN RULES:

- Follow directions quickly.
- Raise your hand to speak or stand.
- Listen when your teacher is talking.
- Make smart choices.
- Respect others. Respect yourself. Respect our school.
- Be safe. Be kind. Be honest.

While I work hard to ensure that I am providing my students with the best academic instruction on a daily basis, I also take time to teach the students in my classroom to be good citizens who care for and respect each other. Each child will work towards growing their personality and character into the people they are created to be.

For every action there are consequences to the choices we make. Some of these consequences are natural, eg, if you spill something you will need to wipe it up. Some consequences are a result of actions, choices, or words. I look at these as learning opportunities for growth and development. This might result in conversations at recess, or some time to take a break and calm down in a safe place in our classroom. Then discuss the action, choice or words used to grow in understanding of character development.

Tools not Toys: In the beginning of our year we will learn how to properly use all of those tools you were asked to supply for school work. We will talk extensively on how pencils, scissors, glue, markers and crayons are only to be used as tools for the jobs we need to complete. They are not toys to play with, hurt others or things. Please reinforce this at home by discussing how you only use a pen to write on paper not walls. Or how you only use scissors to cut paper, not clothes, cushions or towels.