

Classroom Procedures and Information

Discipline Policy - Our classroom rules are posted in several areas of our room.

~Helping Hands

~Ears Listening

~Quiet Voices

~Eyes Looking

~Walking Feet

We will go over and over and over them again to assure a good understanding of the classroom expectations. In my experience, there is not a one-size-fits-all discipline plan. Therefore, I use a combination of Dr. Jim Fay's, Love and Logic (natural consequences) and Dr. Becky Bailey's, Conscious Discipline. Every child should feel that the classroom is a safe and secure environment; free from all threats of physical and emotional harm. In addition, it is important for each child to develop self-discipline, good social skills, and to resolve conflicts peacefully.

Kindergarten is an important year to begin to learn how to problem-solve! We will learn correct behavior by focusing on learning to live out our St. Patrick School mission of Reverence, Respect, and Responsibility.

Take Home Folder - Each child will have a green Take Home folder that should accompany them to and from school everyday. This folder will contain completed work and school information. Please empty the folder each night and send any notes for me back to school the next

day. I will have the students empty the contents each morning when they arrive at school.

Transportation – Please send a note in the event there is a change in transportation for your student or if you will be picking them up early.

Snack and Water Bottle – Please send in a healthy snack (fruit, vegetable, dairy) and water bottle with your child each day.

Rest Time – Kindergarteners will have a short rest time in the afternoon that we will eventually phase out mid-year. Please have your child bring in a blanket (in a plastic bag) that will come home every Friday to get washed.

Birthdays – We love birthday celebrations! The day your child came into the world is a special day! If you are bringing in a treat, please know that there are **23** students in class. Please make sure the treat is ready-made and not too messy! 😊 If your child has a summer birthday, he/she is invited to celebrate his/her half birthday with us!

Family Picture – Please send in a 4 x 6 size family picture for the **"Our Families"** wall as soon as possible.

Scholastic Book Orders – Each month you will be receiving a Scholastic Book Club order form. Scholastic offers wonderful literature and literacy activities at reasonable prices. They make great gifts! 😊

Tricky Popcorn Words – These are commonly used sight words that your children will be learning this year. We call them “Tricky Popcorn Words” because they “pop” up all over our reading! The more Tricky Popcorn Words your child knows, the better reader they will become.

Homework – You will see a huge difference in your child from September to June both developmentally and academically. What we do in class is important, but just as important is establishing good study habits and reinforcing skills at home. Please read to or with your child at least 15-20 minutes each day and have them finish any work that might not have been completed in class. Occasionally, I will be sending home supplemental activities for homework (in their orange folder) that compliments what we are working on in class.

One more thing...Please have your child use the restroom right before coming to school. Once one has to go...they all have to go! 😊

**I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A
WONDERFUL YEAR IN
KINDERGARTEN!**