

Kindergarten News

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This week I will continue to assess students on our Beginning-of-the-Year benchmarks. I look forward to discussing the results of these benchmarks at our conference. I have included a schedule of our Parent conferences in today's Maroon Monday Folder. I tried to schedule each conference with your preference in mind, however there were a couple of overlaps. Please let me know, if you are not going to be able to attend on the day/time of your conference. I will be glad to reschedule for a different day and/or time, even if we have to wait until the following week.

Our school cafeteria is required to use a program called "Offer vs. Serve". This program allows students to choose what they want. It works great for breakfast, because the choices are cereal or another option. If students do not like the other option they can always have cereal. At lunch they also choose what they want on their tray. I am not allowed to help your child as they walk through the line. In our classroom we are going over the food choices that will be offered to them. I am encouraging students to say yes to the first item, because it's usually the protein and the main dish. The school must offer five food items, milk counts as one of the five items. Students have to take only three of the five items. Therefore, your child could choose only: milk, roll and an orange. Some children are not eating much at lunch and they are hungry at the end of the day. Please review the lunch menu with your child each day. This is an excellent opportunity to teach and reinforce healthy eating choices. Our cafeteria has very good and healthy food. However, your child has to ask for this food before they can eat it.

I am excited to hear that so many of you are working with your child on our sight words. Please remember that your child needs to practice these words 2-3 times a week. Once your child is able to read certain words consistently, they do not have to keep practicing those words. We will be adding words as the year progresses. I have added the high frequency words (I, is, the, a, & my) to our list. Our sight word list is on the back of this letter. *I found a bag of sight words in our homework bucket. If they are yours, please let me know.

- Please clean out the extra papers in your child's backpack and folder each night. This includes Friday nights too. We send home a lot of "stuff" each day which makes backpacks and folders very full, if not cleaned out on a daily basis. The library book and homework folder "with baggie and reading slip and small school purchased books" should come back to school each day. It is the beautiful art work, papers done at school, and the Xerox books that need to be kept at home.
- In today's folder you should find a Scholastic Book Order. If you would like to order books, please return this form and money by Tuesday, Sept. 20.

- Please see the note about homecoming included in today's folder.