

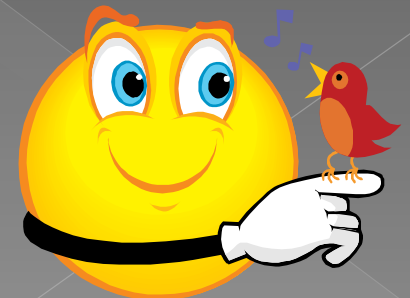
Kindergarten Orientation

2020-21 School Year

Specials



- Kindergarten students will have five specials each week: gym, Spanish, art, and library, and music
- Please dress children appropriately on gym days (i.e. comfortable pants and tennis shoes)



Birthdays



- We will not be permitting birthday treats this year.
- Birthday invitations: students may bring birthday invitations to school ONLY if the entire class is being invited to the party. Exclusion from birthday festivities can be very hurtful at such a young age.

Absences and Excuses

- Good attendance is extremely important for success in school
- Please try your best to schedule dentist and routine doctor appointments on days when school is not in session or after school hours when possible.
- The state mandates that a written excuse be sent with your child on the day he/she returns to school stating the reason for the absence(s).
- Please read the information in the student handbook for other policies regarding attendance.

Book Bags



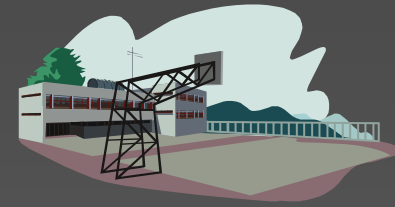
- Students are permitted to bring in a small book bag for important papers and their folders.
- Each student will be required to take home and bring back a school folder each day.
- This folder is used for important papers, homework, news, or teacher notes.
- Please check your child's folder daily
- Please check your child's book bag daily to make sure no inappropriate items have been packed for school. Students are often asked to bring in "share" items and these should be appropriate for school. These are the only items students should be bringing to school.
- All other items such as pencils, crayons, etc. will be provided by the district, unless specifically requested by the classroom teacher.

Recess

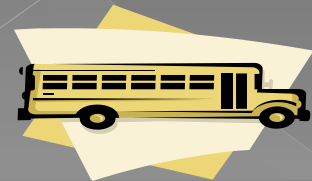


- All students will go out daily for recess, weather permitting. Please dress your child accordingly.
- On snowy days, be sure your child has boots, gloves, a hat, and a warm jacket.
- Please label your child's clothing items and provide apparel that your child can manage without assistance and frustration.
- If the weather outside is not conducive for play, children will still have an indoor recess time in the gymnasium.

School Hours



- School doors are opened at 7:30 AM for students. Please do not bring students to school earlier than this time.
- Students arriving later than 8:05 are considered tardy and must be signed into the building by a parent/guardian.
- Dismissal time is approximately 2:48 for kindergarten students.
- Buses depart at approximately 3:03
- Parent pick-up begins at 3:00



Report Cards/Parent Conferences/Communication/

- Kindergarten students will receive their report cards at the end of each nine week period.
- Students will also bring home a mid-nine weeks progress report.
- During the first few days of school, all students will receive a student folder which details school procedures in more depth.
- In addition, they will be bringing home other information that will need to be returned to the school.
- The school folder is a very efficient manner of communication between home and school – please be sure to check it nightly for any correspondence.



Toys/Items/Threats

- If your child's teacher assigns your child to bring in an item, you will be notified through a note home. Please check to make sure your child is NOT bringing in any item that could create problems on the bus or at school.
- Students are not permitted to bring in any "look-alike" weapons such as plastic toy guns, knives, swords, etc. Sharp items of any type are not acceptable and can lead to disciplinary action as they pose a safety concern for others.
- Threats against others do harm – even at this age – and are not acceptable.
- Toys, i-pods, cell phones, radios, trading cards, etc. are NOT permitted.

Personal Information

- Please make sure that the elementary office always has a current phone number and address on file.
- Due to state and federal mandates which prohibit the dissemination of personal information, no request for student phone numbers, addresses, class rosters, etc. will be granted
- In order to ensure the safety of all parties, requests for any student contact will be denied

School Wide Positive Behavior Support

- The Commodore Perry School District participates in a school wide positive behavior support program in grades K-12.
- This is a research-based approach to promoting appropriate student behavior and increased learning across all educational environments.
- We promote this program throughout the elementary school via positive behavior reinforcement, and signs/lessons reminding and teaching students what behaviors are expected and what those behaviors look like
- You may receive a red panther paw in the mail at some point this year for your child. This is part of our positive behavior program and helps us to continue to encourage good and respectful behaviors.

Questions?

- As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or the office and we will be happy to help you!