

The ABC'S of Kindergarten

A-Attendance

Please take special note of the attendance policy in the student handbook. Students are only allowed to miss 18 days of school. A quick reminder: If your child is Tardy it is counted and after five tardies your child will be in lunch detention with the teacher the following day. If your child happens to be absent, please write a note with the date and reason for absence to send in the child's agenda the next day.

B-Bookbags

Each child will need a book bag to carry home his/her Take home folder and phonics folder. No rolling bookbags are allowed. Please make sure the book bag is big enough to carry the homework folder, phonics folder, and a jacket in the wintertime.

C-Car Riders

Kindergarten car riders will be dismissed at 2:50 each day. A Kindergarten teacher will walk your child to the front of the gym and all children will sit on the steps until released to a parent or previously designated person by the parent. If your child has a need to ride the bus there will be a bus room available. This room is only available to bus riders or a teacher's child due to ONE paraprofessional in the room. All Kindergarten Teachers are assigned to other grade levels for tutoring.

D-Drop-Off

If you drop your child off in the morning, please be mindful that there is no one on duty until 7:30a.m. Also, if your child arrives before 7:30, please make sure that they go to the cafeteria where they will sit at the back tables until a teacher arrives to dismiss them to school. Your child must be in the classroom by 8:00. If they arrive after this time they will be counted tardy. If your child is tardy you must fill out a tardy slip in the office.

E-Email

A great way to keep in touch with Kindergarten is through e-mail.

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F-Folders

Every Wednesday your child will receive a White folder with work in it. Please Sign the outside of the White folder on the appropriate day, sign the inside of the conduct folder, and take the work out and return the folders back to school. Also, please make sure to look for any important information on the right side of the folder.

G-Grading

Every Six weeks your child will receive a report card. This report card is performance based and will be an on-going assessment throughout the school year.

H-Homework

Homework will be sent home weekly with your child. These assignments contain fun activities that reinforce the skills taught at school. Please make sure to check your child's Take home folder on Mondays for homework.

I-Illness

The question of when to keep your child home from school is often a difficult one, especially when decisions must be made first thing in the morning. It is important, however, to keep your child home if he/she is ill. A fever over 100.4, a child that is throwing up, or a child having constant diarrhea needs to stay home. This helps to make them more comfortable and prevents others from becoming ill. Children function more effectively in the classroom when they are healthy.

J-Join A.B.C.

Yorktown Elementary does have a Parent Teacher Organization called Always Believing in Children. Meetings will be held throughout the school year. If you are interested more information will be become available at a later date.

K-Kindness

Students in our classroom are encouraged and expected to treat all members of our class as well as others with kindness and respect, hitting, fighting, name-calling, and making fun of others will not be permitted.

L-Lunch

The school will provide lunch and breakfast for the children who wish to purchase one. Breakfast is served from 7:30-7:45 everyday. The cost for regular lunch is \$1.55 and reduced is \$.40 a day. The price of breakfast is \$.80 and reduced is \$.30. For convenience, you may pay by the week or month. Checks are made payable to Yorktown ISD and you can send the lunch money in a marked envelope in their Take home folder.

M-Movement

Your child will go to PE everyday and to the computer lab once weekly. For your child's safety please make sure that your child wears tennis shoes or has tennis shoes to change into in their backpack.

N-Notes

Your child will receive a Take Home Folder on the first day of school. This is a great place to put your notes for me on the Right Back pocket. If your child is going home a different way, please make sure to write a note. If we do not receive a note your child will be sent home their regular way.

O-Orders (Books and magazines)

We will be sending home a Scholastic Book order every month. Reading to your child is an important step in fostering a love of learning and of reading. Please send money or a check to Scholastic in a sealed envelope with your child's name and the book order slip. Early in the school year we will be sending an order form for various magazines. If you are interested, SUPER! If not, PLEASE SEND BACK the form signed so that we may receive a free gift for the classroom!

P-Parties

We will have three big parties through the school year. The first will be a Christmas party, second is our Easter party, and last is the End of the Year Banana split party. A room mother/father will be calling on volunteers to help me with these events. Also, if your child is celebrating their birthday you may bring in cupcakes or cookies for a birthday snack. Birthday invitations can not be given out at school so that feelings do not get hurt.

Q-Questions

If you at any time have any questions please feel free to contact me. You can contact me at school between the hours of 7:45 and 4:00. I may not be able to come to the phone right away but I will call you back at my soonest available moment. You and your child are important to me and I think of us as a team.

R-Rest Time

We will only be having rest time until Spring break. Your child will need a kinder nap mat and a towel or nap cover. Please do not bring in blankets and pillows. We only rest for a short time period. Your child's towel or nap mat cover will be placed in their bookbags every other Friday. Please wash your child's towel over the weekend and return it on Monday.

S-Snacks

We will have snack time everyday after nap time. We ask every parent to bring a Nutritious snack once or twice a month for the entire class to share. A snack calendar will be sent home monthly. Foods that are accepted are included in this folder. If a snack does not meet the foods of nutritious value they will be sent home with our apology.

T-Toys

Children are asked NOT to bring toys from home. They are very distracting. I cannot be responsible for broken toys or hurt feelings caused by them.

U- Unique

Every child is unique and learns at different stages. Patience and diligence in working with your child will help them be a successful learner. Kindergarten is a team event and we are all working to make your child the best they can be with your help.

V-Volunteers

You are important in your child's education. I would love to have you visit. However, if you stop in, I may put you to work. It will be fun work. Please give me the first 2 or 3 weeks to get to know your child and for your child to learn the school rules before coming to visit. Yorktown Elementary has a policy that all guests are required to check in at the office and wear a Visitor badge.

X-Extra Clothes

It is very important that you send an extra set of clothes in case of a bathroom accident, messy spill or wet and muddy playgrounds. This way we do not have to bother you at work or home. These clothes will stay in your child's nap cubby at school.

Y-"Yours" and Mine

Kindergarteners need help in finding their supplies when they are lost. To help us **PLEASE** label **everything** of your child's with their name. This includes each crayon, marker, coat, backpack, etc.)

Z-ZZZZZs

Make sure your child gets plenty of rest. A kindergarten room is a busy place and you will probably find your child exhausted at the end of the day. Setting and keeping a bedtime is a wonderful gift you can give to your child. It will help them to be alert and ready to learn each day!