

❖ ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is a vital part of the Kindergarten program. In this beginning year we endeavour to create a happy attitude towards school and this includes accepting the fact that except for illness, or an emergency, a child's place is in the classroom. This is the time to cultivate punctual and regular attendance habits that will last throughout school. If your child will be absent please phone the school to verify the absence before 8:44 am/12:10 pm. Our school provides a Block Parent phoning program that contacts parents/guardians in the event of an unknown absence. Your call ahead will lighten the load for our phone volunteers. A fridge magnet is enclosed to help with this procedure.



❖ DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

The morning class children should be lined up outside the north end of the school under the covered play area and ready to participate in the school day. The afternoon class children line up outside the north end of the school also and will come into their classroom at the pm warning bell. All children should be seated in the classroom when the second bell rings. It is important for your child to be a part of this regular routine. Anyone who does not arrive by the second bell is marked late and must report to the school office on arrival. Drop off and pickup times will be available upon approval of 2005-2006 District Calendar.



We ask that parents respect the limited staff parking. There is parent parking at the south end of the school building by the gymnasium and angled or parallel parking on the street.

❖ PARENT PARTICIPATION IN THE CLASSROOM

Parent participation is a very important phase of the Kindergarten year. The teacher welcomes any help you care to volunteer or any talents you may wish to share. Parent participation helps your child, helps the teacher and will give you, not only a sense of enjoyment and satisfaction, but also an insight into the progress of your child. The classroom door is always open to parents who wish to help out in class or school. A schedule will be developed to meet those requests.



❖ HELP SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

Parents are asked to save sales tapes from Otter Co-op, Campbell Soup Labels complete with the UPC Symbols, and Canadian Tire Money. Our PAC exchange Otter Co-op sales receipts to subsidize "Fun Food" days. The Campbell's labels c/w UPC symbols are redeemed for useful items for the school, while Canadian Tire Money supports our Emergency Preparedness Kits. There is also a multitude of ways you can volunteer to help in the school. A list of opportunities is posted in the PAC room. Please check this out on one of your visits.

❖ BOOSTER SHOTS



This is a reminder that Kindergarten children need a booster shot during the Kindergarten year. The Langley Public Health Unit will be holding special clinics for your children in the Fall. Notices will be sent home alerting you to the dates. For an appointment, please call: 604-532-2300.

❖ **BIRTHDAYS**

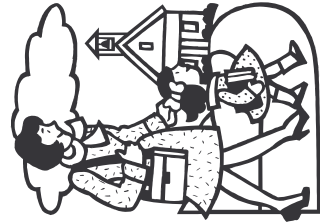
Many children have their birthdays on or near a school day. If you would like to make something special for your child to bring to share on his/her birthday you are welcome to do so. Those, whose birthdays fall during the summer months, will have an appointed "Un-birthday Day" sometime during the school year.



Distribution of party invitations within the classroom is a problem if everyone does not receive one. Please hand out invitations directly to the parents/guardians of the children you are inviting or send them inside your child's home reading book bag and the teacher will discretely distribute them for you.

❖ **TRANSPORTATION - to and from school**

If there is ever any change, temporary or permanent, in the way in which your child will be going home from school, please let the teacher know by note or a phone call through the office (856-8539).



❖ **PICK-UP TIMES**

It is important that all kindergarten children be picked up at their regular dismissal time. Even a few minutes of waiting can cause children uneasiness. The 2005-2006 bell schedule will be announced upon approval of the District Calendar.

❖ **LABELLING**

Please label clothing especially rubber boats and gym shoes. This is essential as many will be wearing identical or similar styles, sizes and colours.



❖ **GYM CLOTHING**

Children will wear their regular clothing in the gym with the exception of shoes. Shoes are to be SLIP-ON or VELCRO runners, or rubber soled slippers which are left at school. It is very important that children have shoes for both school and home that they can put on without the teacher's help. Children without runners will take part in bare feet. Socks alone are not permitted because of the danger of falling. Gym shoes will be required on Monday, September 13th, 2004.



❖ **SNACKS**

Please have your child bring a small snack each day in a labeled lunch kit or backpack. Developing habits of good nutrition is a Kindergarten curriculum goal and part of district policy. This goal cannot be achieved without the full cooperation of the families. Sweets (candy, cake, etc.) or potato chip type snacks are not acceptable. Instead try cut-up/peeled fresh fruits, raw vegetables or pieces of cheese. Please avoid messy or



crumbly snacks. Your child will be permitted to get a drink from the water fountain after s/he has completed eating. Drink boxes or thermos are not permitted.



❖ **LIBRARY DAY**

Once a week the Kindergarten students have library book exchange. Your child will be able to sign out one book each week. This book

needs to be returned on the same day of the following week. In the event your child forgets to return the library book, s/he will have to wait until the following week to exchange and select a new book.



❖ **MONEY**



Please do not send money to school with your child unless there has been a written request from the teacher.

When money is sent, please enclose it in a SEALED envelope or zipped plastic bag, marked with your child's name, the teacher's name and what the money is for, (e.g. John Doe, Mrs. Pilgrim's class, Hot Dog money). There is usually a return form provided for you to enclose with the money.

Notes
