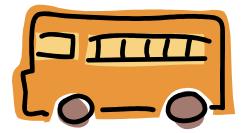




Important Class Information



Mrs. Fox

Welcome to Emerson! I am thrilled to begin our journey together through the exciting year that is kindergarten. With teacher and parents working together, I know it will be a successful year for your student! Here are a few things that will help to make the transition to school a smooth one:

Attendance: Attendance is taken daily in the classroom when the second bell rings at 9:15. It is very important that your child is at school on time each day. We have the best start to our day when everyone comes ready to learn!

Morning Drop-off: Students may begin lining up for school or enter the cafeteria for breakfast beginning at **8:55 AM**. There are Emerson staff members who help monitor and supervise these areas. Please make sure your child knows to stay in these two areas only. I will pick up the line at 9:10 to bring them all to class.

End of the day transportation: **Make sure that you have communicated your child's transportation plan to the office before the start of the first school day. We use the information listed in the office to send students home and are required to follow the plan listed in the office.** If there is a change of plans throughout the year, communicate this change through the front office. I will not change your child's transportation plan without this prior communication.

There are three options for pick-up:

1. Bus/daycare van – students get walked out to the bus line
2. Pick up in a car – students get picked up near the undercover play court
3. Pick up in person – you meet your student in the cafeteria

Make sure your child knows how s/he will get home, and have him/her memorize that bus number!

Home Folders: Your child will bring a folder to and from school each day. We call them "Take-Home Folders". This is a tool for parent/teacher communication. You will find important school information such as the ***Falcon Flyer, a monthly classroom newsletter, and other documents which ask for your response.*** Important school wide information will be sent home each **Wednesday**, but the folder will go home daily. Please check your student's folder daily for worksheets, art projects, and other assignments that need to stay home.

Lunch: Your child's student number is used as their lunch account number daily. Please practice typing it in at home. Also, if you are sending lunch money to school please ask your child to drop it off in the cafeteria in the morning so it is added to their account before our lunchtime. Money can also be added through the Everett website.

Homework: Homework will begin sometime after October. You can expect a menu of options to choose from. This may include letter and sight word practice, routines to start in your home, and games to play. **Your child is also expected to read outside of school at least 15 – 20 minutes 5 days a week. This can be done both in English and in your native language!**



Volunteers: I would love to have parent volunteers in our classroom. I need helpers to read with students, supervise small groups during guided reading, check sight words, and sharpen pencils/ prep materials. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering. I'm looking forward to teaming up with you during the year!

Birthdays: If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school, you may send non-edible goodies such as pencils, stickers or bookmarks. Edible treats will not be allowed in the class due to food allergies and district health guidelines. We will celebrate at school by singing happy birthday, and by allowing the birthday kid to choose a brain break for the class.

Rachel's Challenge: We are a Rachel's Challenge school. This program promotes daily acts of kindness at school. Students who are "caught" doing acts of kindness will be given a kindness ring. Last year our kindness ring paper chain filled the halls of the school and we hope to have an even longer chain celebrating kindness this year! Students will also be reading and writing about acts of kindness throughout the year and this school wide theme will be reinforced in assemblies and daily announcements.

Make Your Day: Emerson has a school wide citizenship program called Make Your Day. Students are learning how to make decisions and be accountable for those decisions. Make Your Day places the responsibility and accountability for behavior and actions on the student. Students earn points each day for doing what is expected and for doing it the best they can. A Make Your Day note is sent home when your child doesn't make his or her day by choosing not to follow the school or classroom expectations. The note is for school/ home communication only. Please discuss the note with your child, talk about opportunities to make better choices in school, sign it together, and return it to school the next day. Each day is a new day, a fresh start, and a new opportunity to make appropriate choices! I hope to use this school wide program as an opportunity to work together to support your child's success and to encourage an ongoing conversation about your child's day at school.

Please look for much more class and school information to be coming home regularly in your child's home folder. Please feel free to call me at 425-385-6235 or email me at mfox@everettsd.org with any questions.

