

Our Philosophy

I understand that your child comes to me with unique experiences, interests and learning styles. My goal is to truly know your child well and use this knowledge to guide, support and motivate him or her. I believe that good teaching requires continual professional development, personal reflection and collaboration. I value parent involvement at every level and encourage you to partner with me to give your child the most powerful and joyous learning experience possible.

Communication

I want to make sure you are informed of upcoming events and what your child is learning in school. I send a weekly email that has important dates and some information about what we are learning. Additional information is also available on our classroom website. The best way to reach me is by email. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Carderock Springs Elementary School
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Conferences/Report Cards

Conferences will begin in the beginning of November. I offer conferences before and after school. Each conference will last 15 minutes. A report card will be issued at the end of each quarter.

School Day

Our school day is from 9:25-3:50. Students are allowed into the building at 9:05am and are welcomed into classrooms at 9:15am.

Late Arrival

The second bell rings at 9:25am. If your child arrives at school late, please escort your child to the office and sign them in.

Early Dismissal

If you plan to pick up your child early from school, please send a note to the teacher in his/her red folder with the date and time. Please check in at the office and they will call into your child's classroom for dismissal.

Absences

Please notify me as well as the office if your child will be absent.

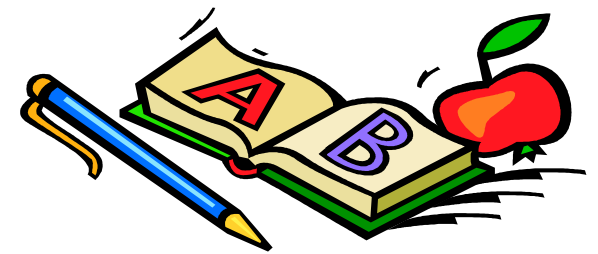
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Lunch/Recess

The children will have 30 minutes of recess prior to lunch each day. Please be sure they have appropriate attire for any kind of weather! We go outside daily for 30 minutes. After recess, the class will have lunch for 25 minutes. Please encourage your child to begin eating quickly and use his/her lunchtime wisely.

Recess & Lunch: 11:30am-12:30pm

Welcome to Kindergarten



A Parent's Guide To Kindergarten

**Mrs. Batky
Carderock Springs Elementary**

Behavior Expectations

I have high expectations for the students in our room. I expect all of my students to achieve academically to their fullest potential. I expect students to contribute in a positive manner to my classroom. I will be using our color system to help monitor these behaviors.

Color System

We use a spotlight behavior chart in our classroom. Each day, students start on green, which is "Ready to Learn." If they behave inappropriately, they will receive a warning. After three warnings, they move their name down on the chart. If they get to red, they will fill out a reflection sheet and you will be notified of their behavior. Students can move up the chart for positive behavior choices. You will receive information about your child's behavior if inappropriate behavior persists.

Take Home Folders

Your child will bring home important notes and classwork in their red folder. Please check it daily and return it to school in your child's backpack. Use this folder to send any notes to school.

Star of the Week

In the next few weeks we will begin Star of the Week. I will send home a poster for your child to complete to share with the class. It will be an extra special week for them!

Homework

Kindergarten homework will begin in October and will consist of reading daily, practicing sight words, baggie books and occasional projects. Baggie books will be sent home on Fridays and returned on Thursdays. We ask that your child reads his/her book and answers one comprehension question every night.

Rainbow Words

Rainbow words are kindergarten sight words. The sight words are grouped by difficulty into colors. The students start with red and end with silver. Once the students can recall the words automatically, they will get a lei for that color and move to the next color.

Birthday Celebrations

We celebrate all of the birthdays from one month on one day. I will email the parents of children with birthdays in that month with a specific date and time for the celebration. Parents coordinate with each other to bring a sweet snack, healthy snack, drink (mini water bottles or juice boxes) and paper goods. Food shared at school must be bought from a store and brought to school in its original unopened wrapper. Everything must be NUT FREE and cannot contain traces of nuts. Please do not bring goody bags. Small, bite sized treats are best.

Special Person of the Day

One student will take home the sharing bag each afternoon. Your child should choose an item that starts with the sound indicated on the paper in the bag (usually the sound of the letter we're practicing in handwriting). Please work with your child to write three clues that describe the item. Please have your child practice reading the clues slowly and loudly.

Scholastic Books

Each month I will send Scholastic book order forms home in the red folders. Scholastic Books provides a convenient, inexpensive means of adding to your child's personal book collection. Our classroom receives bonus points for ordering with which we can acquire additional books for our classroom library. Ordering is done online. Our class code is **GTT83**.

About Me

Mrs. Batky

This is my 9th year teaching Kindergarten at Carderock. I received my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and Master's degree in Special Education. I am looking forward to working with you and your child this school year!