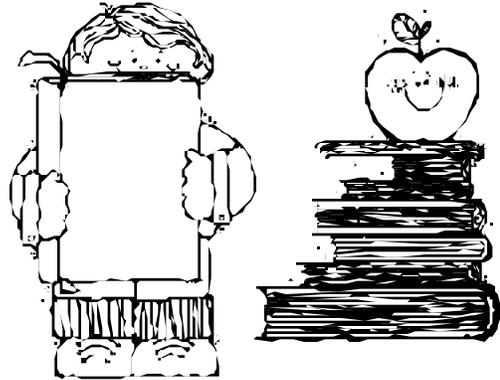


Everyday Details



Attendance

Daily attendance is extremely important at every grade level, including Kindergarten. If your child is absent, please make sure you call the office recorder (979-8975) or send a written note stating the reason for the absence. Another option is to email Dee at dhuyck@sanjuan.edu, making sure to use absence in the subject line. Also, each student should arrive on time at the beginning of the day. If your child is tardy or needs to be taken out of school early, please report to the OFFICE FIRST. You must sign your child in and out BEFORE you go to the classroom. If your child needs to be excluded from P.E. or recess, please send a note regarding the matter.

Snack Program

Each child will bring their own snack every day. We have an early lunch, so we eat snack at 1:30. Because we take our snack out to the "big playground" for snack and recess, we ask that you send the snack in a disposable container. That way, containers are not left and lost on the playground. We have included a list of some suggestions for different, healthy snacks. Sugary/salty snacks, like cookies, Rice Krispie Treats, chocolate bars, chips etc, do not provide the lasting energy that the kids need to finish their day well.

Homework/Sharing

SJUSD's homework guidelines specify 10-20 minutes of homework per night, 4 nights a week, for kindergarten. Parents should read with their child and practice letter and number identification (out of order) as well as sight word identification (Bookshop Look and Say words

located on the back of the "Daily Schedule"). A monthly project will be sent home on the first Friday of each month.

Sharing is a part of our oral language development. There are numerous and varied opportunities for sharing. Each child will have the opportunity to share on several different occasions throughout the year. You will receive notice of when it is your child's turn to share.

Very Important Person (V.I.P.)

One or two children are assigned each week to be the V.I.P. (Very Important Person) for the classroom. A letter will go home that tells the parent what special, personal items to bring to school during the week. This program is designed to build self-esteem, language skills, leadership skills, and cooperation.

Report Cards/Conferences

Kindergarten issues a report card three times during the school year. The first reporting period falls at the end of November with the second being mid-March. We will have "Student Led Conferences" at these times. This method of conferencing reflects the relationship between authentic assessment and the philosophy of the Gold River Discovery Center. The students will take an active role in talking about their learning.

Classroom Behavior Plan

Appropriate behavior is essential for the process of learning in school. Positive behavior is stressed and reinforced by smiles, gestures, and lots of verbal praise. Appropriate behavior is defined, modeled, and clearly communicated. If a student chooses not to behave appropriately, suggestions on improving behavior are made. If the behavior does not improve the child is expected to take time to think about their actions, and try to think of a way to change their behavior to one that is acceptable in the classroom. If the problem continues, time outs will be given, and a 3-way conference with the parent, child,

and the teacher may be scheduled.

Parent Volunteer Program

Parents are needed in the classroom to make our stations, math, and choice time programs run smoothly and to give the children the enriched program they deserve. Parents are used to help with field trips, holiday parties, and to do projects at home. **ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS MUST BE FINGERPRINTED BEFORE WORKING IN THE CLASSROOM!**

Art Docent Program: Once a month an art appreciation lesson will be presented by a parent volunteer. Children are exposed to famous artists and their works of art. The parent that volunteers for this job will receive training and help from other parents in the school. This will be a school wide program and we will notify you when it begins.

Garden of Learning Docent Program: The children will receive life science lessons through the Garden of Learning Program. This is a weekly program. The parent that volunteers for this job will receive training and help from other parents in the school. This will be a school wide program and we will notify you when it begins.

Field Trips

Our classes will take several field trips this year. Transportation will be provided by district buses or fingerprinted parent drivers. Please make sure permission slips are turned in promptly. If a child does not return a permission slip, he/she will not be allowed to participate in the field trip. In the event we have to use parent drivers and you plan to drive, you will need to fill out a Vehicle Usage Form, Parent Volunteer Form and have fingerprints on file. **All of this should be done as soon as possible and not the week of the field trip. If fieldtrip fees present a hardship for your family, PLEASE let your classroom teacher know as soon as possible.**

Buddies

Cross-age buddy classes will be working with our kindergarten classes on a regular basis each month. This relationship between primary and intermediate students benefits all by encouraging one on one interaction, providing quality time between friends, bridging the gap between older and younger students, developing social skills, and reviewing concepts or skills previously taught.

