

General September Newsletter 2019-2020

Welcome to St. Teresa Kindergarten!

CLASSROOM HOURS:



A.M. Class

Start time 8:20 a.m.

Dismissal 11:23 a.m. NO CLASS THURSDAYS

P.M. Class

Start time: 11:57 am

Dismissal: 3:00 pm NO CLASS THURSDAYS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER/CALENDAR:

A calendar and individual classroom newsletter will be available monthly by email to inform you of what is happening in the classroom and keep you aware of upcoming events.

Please keep these handy as reminders. Please check our school website at

www.stteresa.ecsd.net

You can e-mail your child's teacher at:

Mrs. Bodnar patricia.bodnar@ecsd.net

Señora Tierney rafaela.tierney@ecsd.net



You can also follow us on our NEW private Instagram accounts: Please request to follow. This is only for parents of our students. Please do not copy images and reshare on your own social media. Please email us your Instagram account name so that we can confirm your identity.

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INTERVIEWS:

Parent – Teacher – Child Conferences (Celebration of Learning) will take place formally (in conjunction with grades 1-6) and informally throughout the school year. Please feel free to discuss your child's progress or concerns with me at anytime, preferably at the end of class. Our discussions should be private and not when other parents and children are present.

November 28, 2019

March 19, 2020

BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION:

We will recognize every child's birthday in the class (summer birthdays will be recognized in June). Some parents choose to send in a treat on or around the child's birthday. If you would like to send in a little treat for the children, please consider sending in "mini muffins" or "mini-cupcakes". Tim-Bits are also a popular choice. We like to have pre-portioned treats as it is easy to serve in a short time.



Also please NO LARGE CAKES! Please check with your child's teacher for information regarding allergies in each classroom. Contact your child's teacher in advance if you plan to bring a treat. Thank you.

COMINGS AND GOINGS:

Please ensure that your child is at school on time. Regular attendance is encouraged. If he/she is not coming to school, please phone and leave a message at the school office (780-437-6022). The school will be contacting you if your child fails to appear and you have not phoned. This is for your child's protection. If your child is late, s/he should report to the office before coming to class. **Please make sure your phone numbers and emergency contact names are kept up-to-date in our files.** Please be certain that arrangements have been made for dismissal and a safe journey home.

CLOTHING:

Please label your child's jacket, sweater, backpack, boots, shoes, mittens and all removable clothing as this will help avoid problems and the loss of belongings. A "lost and found" will be by the shoe rack for things left behind. Please encourage your child to dress him or herself. In case of accidents, please keep an extra set of clothing (labeled) in a Ziploc bag at the bottom of your child's backpack.



SUPPLIES:

Each child must have a pair of inside **running shoes** that he/she can put on independently and leave at the school. These shoes are not worn outside. If your child is unable to tie up shoe laces, we strongly recommend that you get shoes with Velcro fasteners. Our day moves at such a fast pace that struggling with laces will create a frustrating situation for your child.

Each child should have a school bag or backpack that is big enough for a library book. **PLEASE check your child's bag daily for notes, notices, etc.**

Each child will also require a snack bag to contain their snack for kindergarten. A small lunch kit will suffice. Be sure to discuss what to eat with your child if they bring a whole lunch and snacks for daycare.

School supplies (crayons, markers, glue, etc.) are provided for your child. Please send in \$15 cash to your classroom teacher.

ARRIVAL:

Children who walk to school should not arrive earlier than about five (5) minutes prior to class time. When the bell rings they should line up at the kindergarten door and wait until the teacher comes to let them in. Outside shoes (boots) should be removed in the hall outside the classroom and left on the boot rack. The children will hang their coats and backpacks on the hooks marked with their names and take their inside shoes and mail into the classroom

DISMISSAL:

Please be on time for your child's dismissal, children worry if they don't see the person that is picking them up. If you are picking up your child please come to the Kindergarten entrance; the children will dress and wait in the hall outside their classroom. We make sure all the children have been safely dismissed. If you are going to be late, please call the school office at 780-437-6022. **Parents please wait outside the doors to avoid extra confusion and congestion in the busy hallway.** If you need to talk with the teacher, please wait until all the children are dismissed.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

If a friend, relative, or babysitter is picking up your child, please send a note or email (the night before) to me so I can make sure he/she goes with the right person. If there is a last minute change in pickup plans, please call the office, as they will be able to inform us.

SNACKS:

Snack time is a favorite for many children. Please send in a snack that can be eaten in about 15-20 minutes. Our program time is short, so while it is important to refuel those little bodies for learning, we don't want to spend too much of our time eating. Great snack ideas include fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese and crackers, yogurt, granola bars, and water in a reusable easy to open container. Your child's time is limited so pre-cutting, pre-peeling, and small portions are important. Please check with your child's teacher for information regarding allergies in each classroom. Please be considerate of our request for being nut-free classrooms.

EMERGENCIES:

The **emergency phone numbers and contact email** as well as your **work number** should always be kept up to date so that your child can be cared for in case of an illness or accident. Please notify the office **and** myself if any changes occur.

SCREENING:

Please let me know of any concerns or previous assessments that your child has had regarding their speech and/or learning. A speech pathologist and occupational therapist will visit the school at the beginning of the school year and observe all the children. If a concern is identified that requires further assessment, you will be contacted.

Please remember to have your child's immunization shots up to date.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERS:

All parents are welcome and encouraged to come and spend some time with us in the classroom. On special occasions we may need more than one parent to help out. We ask that you do not bring younger children with you when you come to volunteer as this is a special time just for you and your kindergarten aged child. **You must check in/out at the office please. *A volunteer form is required.***

REGISTRATION FEE:

There is a registration fee (\$30) for kindergarten this year. Field trips, both in and out of school activities, and special guests presentations will require extra fees to be covered by the parents as they come up during the school year.

FIELD TRIPS:

Throughout the year we will be going on learning and recreational activity trips. Parental supervision is greatly needed and appreciated. **NO SIBLINGS PLEASE.**

Prior to going on a field trip, you will receive a letter informing you of our outing and the cost associated with it. Please fill out the permission slip, **completely**, including your signature, and send it back to me. Payment for field trips is online only through your POWERSCHOOL account. **The school board states that no child will be permitted on a field trip without WRITTEN permission.**

If you indicate that you are able to help out on the field trip, please check your child's backpack for a note from me – I try to take all the parents that would like to volunteer, however on some trips space is limited. Your understanding is appreciated!



Sincerely,
The Kindergarten Team

Important Dates....

September 19...St. Teresa Gr. 1-6 Meet the Staff Night
September 30...Orange Shirt Day