



August/September Kindergarten News 2009

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten! We are excited about the 2009-2010 school year. In order to make the year flow smoothly, please read and follow these guidelines:

1. All kindergartners enter through the west kindergarten entrance or east parking lot. Children will wait at the outside door until Bauder patrols open the doors. WE REQUEST THAT PARENTS NOT ESCORT CHILDREN INTO THE CLASSROOM AFTER THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF SCHOOL. The children should accept responsibility for entering the classroom. When you pick up your child (or if your child is in a car pool), please display on a large sign the names of all children to ride in that car. Put these names in your front window. Remain in your car in the car line. Patrols will bring your child to the car as the line progresses. If your child rides a bus, please put a tag on your child showing name, bus number and bus stop. If your child is to be transported in any manner other than the usual at any time, we must have a written note or email by 8:35 the day of change from you. For your child's safety, we will adhere strictly to this policy.
2. Your child will wear a name badge every day for the first week of school. This badge will have your child's name, his/her teacher's name, and dismissal information. **It is extremely important that your child wear the badge to school every day.**
3. Please label all personal items that your child brings to school (books, backpacks, lunch boxes, jackets, resting towels). Please do not label school supplies.
4. To cover the cost of our kindergarten cooking activities, we request a fee of \$5.00 per child for the year. This fee includes cooking activities that relate to our various units of study throughout the year.
5. To assist our school bookkeeper throughout the year, please make all checks payable to Bauder Elementary. Please send all payments in separate envelopes marked with your child's name, teacher's name, and purpose of payment.
6. Please send a BATH-SIZE towel for resting. We will return larger towels, blankets, rugs or plastic mats due to lack of storage space. The resting towel will be sent home every other Friday for washing. It is to be returned the following Monday. Please make sure your child's NAME is on his/her towel. **If your child's name is not on his/her towel, your child's teacher will put it on with a permanent marker.**
7. Please provide a **regular size backpack** labeled on the inside with your child's name to help your child carry his/her belongings to and from school each day (**no wheels** or mini sized backpacks, please). Also include one complete change of clothing (in case of accident) to be kept in the child's backpack.
8. Please go through and clean out your child's backpack and agenda each night.
9. All prescription and over the counter medications may only be administered by the office staff. The parent must obtain and complete a medication card from the office and have it signed by your child's doctor. Turn the completed card and medication in to the office where it will be stored and administered. Please do not send medications of any kind (including chapstick, sunscreen, and cough drops) to school in your child's backpack. They must be dropped off in the office by a parent.
10. Kindergartners may bring their lunch in a lunch box labeled with their name, or they may buy the school lunch (\$1.75). Milk only is \$.50. You may pay by the day, by the week, or open an account. It is the parent's responsibility to keep track of money on the account.

11. Please plan to attend Kindergarten Open House and learn what Kindergarten is all about on Thursday, September 10, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. **This Open House is for parents only.**

12. Please plan to attend the Bauder Kindergarten Family Picnic at Boca Ciega Millennium Park on Saturday, September 19 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. It will be a fun way to socialize and meet other kindergarten parents and children!

Should you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us. Let's work together to have a great year!

We're looking forward to August/September learning activities. We will be discussing and forming our ground rules and working toward forming our mission statements in each classroom. It is our goal to establish and maintain a positive environment, where all students can work toward their highest potential in the classroom. During these months, we will be working on the following skills:

Shared Reading:

- * Getting To Know Each Other
- * Classroom Community
- * Nursery Rhymes
- * Alphabet Preview
- * Letter focus: Mm, Aa
- * Sight Word focus: I, can, we

Reading Workshop: Unit 1: Readers Build Good Habits

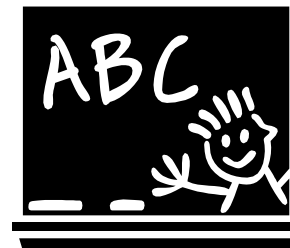
During this unit the students will be learning:

- * Reading Workshop routines and procedures
- * Book handling skills and how readers take care of books
- * To use the pictures to "read" books
- * How to talk about books with a partner

Writing Workshop: Unit 1: Storytelling Through Pictures

During this unit the students will be learning to:

- * Work independently in a writing workshop
- * Take care of our writing tools
- * Picture stories in our minds, and put them on paper
- * Draw the best we can
- * Manage all of our stories
- * Choose our best piece, and fancy it up for publishing
- * Celebrate our writing



Math Activities:

- * Shape and Color Recognition
- * Spatial Relationships
- * Free Exploration of our math manipulatives (called Tubbing)
- * Calendar skills (days, months, counting the days of school)
- * Graphing skills

Science/Health/Social Studies:

- * Getting along with one another
- * Developing meaningful rules and following rules
- * Developing listening skills
- * The Five Senses

Dates to remember:

- * September 7: Labor Day (no school)
- * September 10: Kindergarten Open House 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- * September 19: Kindergarten Family Picnic at Millennium Park 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (shelter 5)

Thank you for your help and support, The Bauder Kindergarten Team