

Dear Parents,

The students have now completed their first four days of kindergarten. I hope that each of them had a wonderful start to their first year in school.

This letter will hopefully provide answers to any questions you may have about kindergarten.

Classroom Guidelines

1. Be a good listener; do not interrupt other when they are talking.
2. Follow directions the first time they are given.
3. Walk quietly in the classroom and in the hallways.
4. Share with classmates.
5. Treat others with respect. No fighting, teasing, tattling or saying "bad" words.
6. Use an "inside" voice while working in the classroom.
7. Remember to stay in self-space

If these guidelines are not followed, the following consequences will take place

Consequences

- First time- verbal reminder/warning
- Second time- name moves to green on the traffic light. Child meets with the teacher to discuss their behavior.
- Third time- name moves to yellow on the traffic light. Child loses 5 minutes of playtime.
- Fourth time- name moves to red on the traffic light. Parents and/or Principal are contacted.

*When children are caught being good there will be various individual or group rewards given.

Behavior Charts

The students will also be bringing home a 4 x 6 chart where they will keep track of their behavior each day. If they did not get their name moved on the stop light, they will get to put a sticker on their chart. If they got on the green light, they will color that square green, yellow for the yellow light, red for the red light. The charts will be sent home every day. They must come back the next day in order for this to be effective in our classroom. Students who get stickers all

week will get to pick a prize from our prize drawer. At the end of the month, students who have earned stickers for the month may pick out of our treasure chest.

- September-November: Students may have two green lights and still pick out of treasure chest.
- December-February: students may have one green light and pick out of the treasure chest
- March until the end of the year: All stickers to pick out of treasure chest

Remember: Each day is a new beginning

- ***Absences:*** A signed excuse card must be returned with your child on the day he/she comes back to school. I sent a few home on Tuesday. Please let me know if you need any more cards.
- ***Birthdays:*** We would love if you would like to send in a treat for the class on your child's birthday. Please try to make these treats as healthy as possible. Please let me know ahead of time. **To avoid hurt feelings, please do not send birthday invitations to school unless every child in the class is invited to the party.** Thank you for your understanding.
- ***Change of Plans:*** If there is a change of transportation or the person picking up your child, **I must have a written note informing the school of the change.**
- ***Recess:*** Weather permitting, we will be going out for recess as much as possible. Please see that your child is wearing appropriate clothing as the weather becomes colder.
- ***Library:*** Our school district uses a 6-day cycle. Monday- Day 1, Tuesday- Day 2. The school calendar that your child brought home has the cycle days circled. Our library day is Cycle Day 6. On that day, your child will be able to get a book from the library and return it on the next Day 6 when he/she will be able to pick a new book to bring home for you to read. Our first library day will be September 9th.
- ***Book Orders:*** Each month you and your child will have the opportunity to order book club books. There is no obligation for you to order any books, but I will be happy to send in your order if you have one. Your child should return the order form, with a check, within a few days of

receiving the papers. All purchases may be placed on one check made out to Scholastic.

- ***Star:*** We will have a Star for each 6-day cycle starting next Cycle Day 1. That person will be the line leader all 6 days, as well as having other special privileges in the classroom.
- ***Snacks:*** We will have snack every day, but it will not last all year. If you want your child to have a snack, please send one in with them every day. It must be something that can be eaten in 5 minutes and is not messy. Please send in healthy snacks with your child. (fruit, goldfish, vegetables, pretzels, crackers, raisins, etc)

If you have any questions, just call (397-5246), write a note, or stop in at a convenient time for me and I will try to answer your questions. I check my voicemail at the end of each school day. My school email address is emily_ficchi@cvsd.k12.pa.us. I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Mrs. Emily Ficchi