

Welcome to Mrs. Claypool's Kindergarten Class 2020-2021

Reference Guide 😊

Transportation

Transportation changes will be very limited. Please call the office if there is an immediate need for change. Routine is the best for successful dismissal.
"Walkers" – Leave the building at 2:50 p.m.
"Bussers" – Students riding a bus follow.
"Pick-Up"- Students who are picked up at the front of the school.

Lunch

Lunch is served daily. Your child has several options:

1. Pack a lunch from home.
2. Pack a lunch from home and buy a milk at school.
3. Purchase lunch from the school cafeteria.

There is a school lunch account which acts like a debit card.

Snack

Morning snack is provided by the school district. Your child may purchase a milk from the cafeteria @ .40 cents. Your child must have at least \$2. in his/her account to be eligible to purchase snack milk. ALL STUDENTS MUST PAY FOR SNACK MILK. IT IS NOT A PART OF THE FREE/REDUCED LUNCH SYSTEM. You may send your child a separate snack or drink if you prefer. Please label it clearly so your child knows.

G.O. Book

Please use the G.O. Book – Get Organized Binder – as the key form of communication to and from school each day. It is the best way to ensure papers, lunch money, book orders, homework, and etc..... get to school. It is too difficult for me to search backpacks daily. My goal is to get your children to pack them properly at the end of the day ****Unfortunately, we will hold off until further notice...**

Class Website

Our class website is www.mrsclaypoolsclass.weebly.com Check it out to find out what is happening each week. I also link other activities, pictures, and forms.

Shutterfly

The majority of pictures taken throughout the year will be posted on a Shutterfly share site. It is a great way to see what is happening in the classroom! I will invite you to our classroom site as soon as I receive your Shutterfly permission and email address.

Special person calendar

Check out the monthly "Special Person" calendar. Each child rotates through the calendar to be the "Special Person" of the day. This gives each child an opportunity to be the line leader, help with classroom jobs, all around Super Teacher Helper, and is also their show-and-tell day. The special person calendar will be in the back of the G.O. Book. We will start a show-and-tell with virtual pictures sent by email.

Show-and-Tell

Please watch the "Special Person" calendar for the show-and-tell of the month. Your child is the show-and-tell person on his/her special day. If they forget, we usually just wait until the next time.

Arrival

7:50 Student Arrival
7:50 – 8:20 a.m. Students are allowed to have quiet play in the classroom, socialize with friends, and eat the school breakfast.
8:20 – If students arrive after 8:20 a.m., they are considered late.
8:20 – Instruction begins.

Rest time

Rest time gives the children an opportunity for quiet and relaxation. The children do not have to sleep however, they are able to if needed. We only rest in the fall and typically phase it out when there is no more need. Please send a plastic/vinyl foldable rest mat for your child to use during rest time. **Please do not send sleeping bags or toys. All rest mats are stored in their locker. Space is limited.**

Breakfast

The children can purchase school breakfast each day. The breakfast menu is sent home with the school lunch menu. Please fill out the permission form for clear instructions for your child. Students are charged for school breakfast unless your child is in the free/reduced lunch program.
NO BREAKFAST ON SCHOOL DELAY DAYS.

Specials

The specials schedule is on a 4-day rotation.
Art – Please send an art shirt. Examples: an old large t-shirt or men's button down with the sleeves cut shorter.
Gym – Please wear sneakers and comfy clothing.
Library – Borrowing books begins later in the fall.
Music – Take your listening ears 😊
STEM – Once a month for a whole week we go to the Smart Lab!

Homework

Homework will begin once school gets started. It is a weekly paper that is returned each Friday. Homework is meant to be a fun review. If it becomes too challenging, please let me know.

Reading

Reading to children, with children, and by children is one of the key building blocks to developing successful readers. The kindergarten goal is for each child to read 100 books by the 100th day of school. Please read as many as you can! I reward the students for every 25 books!

Poetry Folders

Poetry is a great way to develop word recognition and a multitude of other reading skills. It also gives children an opportunity to learn some amazing things through music. Please enjoy the poetry folders at home. They go home every Friday and should be returned on Monday or Tuesday. (Sometimes the weekends get busy.) *** I will hold these at school until it's safe to share. In the intermediary, I will send home the poetry on single sheets of paper to keep at home.

Extra Clothes

Please keep an extra set of clothing in your child's locker or in the bottom of his/her backpack. Just pack them in a zip-lock or extra bag. You just never know when the milk is going to spill or mud is going to splash.... Also, the change of school routine can sometimes throw things off a little.

😊 If your child borrows clothing from the nurse, please return them laundered, promptly. Also, the nurse accepts donations of gently-used outgrown clothing.

Label It

If you want it back, label it! This becomes extremely important during snow season! Just use a permanent marker and put your child's name or initials on the tag. Honestly, they have no idea if it is theirs... 😊

Also, please return anything your child takes home that doesn't belong to him/her.

Book Orders

Classroom Scholastic Book Orders go home about once a month. I'll send home a paper order. You can send a paper order back to school or use the on-line option. There is a link on the class website. If you are using the book order as a gift, please just let me know and I'll make arrangements to get it to you. I use the bonus points from the class book orders to purchase classroom books and prizes.

Communication

I will do my best to communicate each week with a newsletter and through the classroom web-site. I encourage you to reach out to me if you are having any concerns. You can call, email, or send a note. I try to check my email early in the morning. If you email during the day, it is difficult for me to get right back to you when I am with children. I am typically able to receive phone calls before 8:15 a.m. and after 2:50 p.m.

I'd much rather take care of things right away.

Remember, children grow and learn at all different rates. Celebrate the accomplishments. Praise the efforts. Learn from the mistakes.

I look forward to a really wonderful year with your child! Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Yours, Mrs. Claypool



Clearances

Parent volunteers must have the local, state, and federal clearances to participate in the classroom. Please see Mrs. Stuckey in the front office if you have any questions. Volunteers will not begin until it is safe to do so... This gives you extra time to get your clearances 😊

Schedule - The condensed version....

7:50 - 8:20 a.m. - arrival, breakfast, and social time
8:20 - Morning Meeting - Phonics, reading, small group, skills, skills, skills
10:00 - Snack
10:20 - Specials
11:00 - Writing and Math
12:20 - Lunch
12:50 - Math Groups, Rest, Science, Play
2:15 - Recess
2:45 - Dismissal

Birthdays

We love birthday celebrations. Your child's birthday should be on their special day. If it isn't, please let me know. You may send a special treat for you child's birthday. It must be store purchased and individually wrapped. We will share it at 10:00 for snack. ****On a more sensitive note: Do not send birthday invitations to school unless they are for everyone in the class, all the boys, or all the girls. I will not pass them out. Please use the classroom directory if you want to have a smaller party.

Misc...

***Please let me know if your child has allergies that I need to be aware of during the school day.
***COVID-19 has certainly impacted our learning environment! I will do my best to keep our classroom following cleanliness and distancing recommendations. Please bear with us as we embark on this new journey. Safety is a top priority.

