

Kindergarten News

Mrs. Julie Faherty

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten! This is a new and exciting experience for you and your child. Let's work together to make it a happy one!

School Hours

During the school year the playground opens at 8:45 a.m. and school starts at 9:00 a.m. Students who arrive after 9:00 a.m. are tardy and need to be walked to the office for a tardy slip before being admitted to class. School ends at 2:00 p.m. Please park on the street and walk to the gate to meet your child. Children will be dismissed, one at a time, to authorized persons only! Please send a note if someone else is picking up your child. If you are more than 10 minutes late, your child will be waiting in the office.

Absences

Consistent attendance is very important! Please be sure your child is at school every day unless he/she is sick. When your child is absent, please send in an absence note when he/she returns. If your child will be gone for 3 or more days, please try to notify the school in advance.

Early Pick-up

Please try and schedule all doctor and dentist appointments before or after school. If you need to pick your child up early, please go to the office to sign

him/her out before coming to the classroom.

Labels

Please label everything your child brings to school. Please check with the lost and found by room 31 for misplaced items.

Lunches

Please send a nutritious lunch to school with your child each day. No candy, gum, or sodas please! Also, glass bottles and aluminum cans are not permitted. The first week only, we will be eating lunch together in the classroom. After the first week the children will be having lunch in the cafeteria. Kindergarten students will not be able to buy lunch in the cafeteria until the week of October 2nd.

Backpacks

Backpacks are strongly recommended. Please be sure your child's backpack is large enough to accommodate a standard sized folder.

Home/School Communication

I will be giving your child a folder which he/she should bring to school every day. All homework, class work, and

correspondence will be placed in your child's folder so please be sure to check it regularly. Also, please put any notes for me in the folder. My aide or I will be checking it daily. I will send a homework packet home each Monday (or first day of the week) with classroom news and information. Our school wide Communicator will be coming home with your child on Thursdays.

Emergency Cards

Please return your green emergency cards as soon as possible. Each child needs to have 2 completed cards (one to keep in the office, one for the classroom). Also, please be sure your emergency card is kept current by notifying the office of any changes of address, phone number, and/or emergency contacts during the year.

Volunteers

Volunteers are welcome in our classroom and are encouraged to participate. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering. All Hickory volunteers must have a current TB test on file in the office before being allowed to work in the classroom. Please see the office for more information.

Questions/Concerns

Please feel free to stop by after school if you would like to see me. You may also send me a note with your child or call me at (310) 533-4672 ext. 3101 and I will call you back promptly. You may also email me at jfaherty@teacher.tusd.org. You may also visit our Hickory website at <http://www.hickoryelementary.com>.

I'm looking forward to having a wonderful year with your children!



Sincerely,
Julie Faherty