

Meadowlark Elementary School Kindergarten 2023-2024



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Email is the best way to contact us as we do not always answer our phones during the day when we are teaching and messages might not be checked until after school. **Also, our phones don't show us when we have messages, and they may go unnoticed until later.**

Remind

Remind is a free text messaging app that helps teachers, students, and parents communicate quickly and efficiently. Teachers can send messages to an entire class, small groups, or individuals. *We highly recommend you sign up for our Remind app notifications to get homework reminders, field trip updates, schedule changes, and more!*

School Web Pages

Here are some important sites that you can follow throughout the year and may want to bookmark.

Meadowlark Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/meadowlarkflyers>.

Campbell County School District web page:

www.campbellcountyschools.net

Meadowlark Web Page:

<https://sites.google.com/ccsd1schools.net/meadowlarkelementaryschool/home?authuser=0>

Mrs. Robert's Classroom Web Page:

<http://mrsrobertskindergarten.yolasite.com>

Academics

Kindergarten is more academic driven than in previous years. **It is also important to remember that the skills you see on the kindergarten report card are skills that are intended to be mastered by the end of kindergarten. Please do not panic if it looks like your child has a lot to master after the first one or two report cards.** We will remain in contact with you via phone calls, meetings, report cards, and midterm letters if we have academic concerns with your child. *CCSD will be looking at the report card and there may be some changes.

We have intervention programs in place that you may hear your child talk about. Your son or daughter may be placed in an intervention group to work on reading, writing or math skills. Interventions take place during non critical core teaching times.

Our kindergarten students will be learning a variety of reading strategies to help them read on level texts by the end of the year.

Absences/Attendance

If your child is ill, please call the office and inform us of your child's absence and the reason for it. This is for your child's safety. If a student must leave early for a doctor's appointment, go to the office to sign him/her out and the secretary will call him/her to the office. Never send another person to pick up your child without informing the

teacher or the secretary. A successful school experience is the responsibility of the child, the parent and the school. Your child's progress, both academically and socially, is influenced to a great extent by daily participation. Regular attendance without tardiness is a key. If your child misses school, there may not be much makeup work to send home as we do a great deal of learning orally in whole group and small group settings. Please remember that even though there isn't much makeup work, your child still misses out on learning key concepts when they are absent.

Field Trips

We hope you can join us occasionally for a field trip although not all field trips have room for parents. Your support of school activities makes your child feel special and sends an important message that you value their education.

Birthdays

We know how special birthdays are for you and your child. We will recognize birthdays at school. **Please let us know a week ahead of time if you are interested in sending treats for your child's birthday.** We can make time for birthday treats. However, if you do not let us know, it may be a little more difficult to make time. We have a daily snack time built into our schedule at 2:50. You can send the treats to school with your child if they are not too big, drop them off at the office or arrange to be in the classroom for the birthday treats. If you bring or send flowers or balloons they will be held in the office until the end of the day. We will celebrate all August birthdays in September and June and July birthdays in May. If your child has a birthday in the summer, we will contact you to set up a day. **If you do not celebrate birthdays please let us know that too.**

Communication

Each day your child will bring home a folder. Inside that folder will be all the communication from the school and the teachers. **Please check it EACH day and send it back to us every day!** On Friday or the last day of the school week you will get a newsletter that will have upcoming events for the next week. **Please keep the papers at home to prevent confusion and clutter.**

Physical Education

About every third day we will have gym class. **If you have an extra pair of tennis shoes you can leave them in the classroom. Students will be able to change out of their snow boots or sandals before gym class. Please remember socks too if your child has on sandals.**

Before School Options:

Students may be dropped off and sent into the building at 7:30. From 7:30-8:15 students will be able to go to the computer lab or the gym. At 8:15 our playground is open to all students. If you drop off your students at 8:15 have them go directly to the playground. (Gym and Computer lab students will be escorted to the playground at 8:15. Bus students will go to the playground upon arrival, unless it is 8:35. At 8:35 students will line up with their teacher to go inside to start the day. *If below zero temperature students will come inside.

Breakfast

Breakfast will be served in the lunchroom/gym from 8:15 - 8:40. The cost will be \$1.25. \$.30 for reduced, or free if you qualify.

After School

Kindergarten pick up students will meet outside in the gated area near the kindergarten rooms. When weather arises we will keep students inside Mrs. Roberts' room and watch the outside door for parents. A classroom aide will bring the bus students to the bus. On occasion, you may have a meeting after school with your child's teacher, if this happens please let us know if you want us to keep your child here for the meeting or send them home on the bus as usual.

Transportation

Please remember that you must notify us in writing, with a phone call, or in person if there is a change in the way your child will be going home from school. We must also have a note if they are riding a different bus. Please call before 3:00 because the office delivers all messages shortly after 3:00. **Please do not leave a voicemail or a Remind message about a change in plans after the school day has begun because we may not check them until after school.** At times children will tell us they are going home with a friend or that you are

picking them up when they are actually supposed to ride the bus, therefore we will not make any changes without a note or a phone call from you in order to avoid a missed bus, etc. **It is very stressful for everyone involved when a kindergarten student thinks they are going home one way, when actually they are supposed to do something different. If you send a note, please put it in the homework folder because the students often forget to give it to us if it is in their backpack or pocket.**

Campbell County Bus Garage: 307-682-4179

Medications

ALL medications, including cough drops, must be checked in at the school nurse's office. The medications may not be brought to the classrooms.

Dress for Weather

It is helpful to have all articles labeled with the child's name. **We go outside unless the temperature or wind chill factor is below zero.** Sometimes the weather surprises us, so it is a good idea to keep the winter weather items in the backpack at all times. Feel free to leave winter weather items in their cubbies.

Show and Tell

We have Show and Tell almost every Friday. This is a special time that we have each put into our schedule. Show and Tell is not very successful if only a few students bring items to show. We would like to encourage all of the students to bring something each time we have Show and Tell. It does not have to be a new fancy toy. It can be a photograph that is special to the child, a craft project, a toy, or other item. Please only send one item each Friday and make sure it can fit in your child's backpack. **The items must be school appropriate, no toy guns or swords please.** Please check with your child's teacher if you have any questions about items you want to send for Show and Tell. **In order to avoid allergies we ask that pets not be brought for show and tell.** Show and Tell is a perfect opportunity for students to practice speaking and listening skills.

We look forward to establishing the best possible learning environment for your child. Thank you in advance for your support and concern throughout the year. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you have.

**Mrs. Rashleigh and Mrs. Roberts
Meadowlark Kindergarten Team**