

Welcome to Pevely Elementary



Kindergarten Handbook 2020-2021

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Welcome to Our Classroom

Dear Families,

We are pleased to be your child's kindergarten teachers this year! You are an important factor in your child's success at school. We need your help and support so that as a team, we can provide the best possible education for your child. The interest you express in the work that your child brings home and the time you spend with your child on home tasks sends a message about the value on what he or she is learning.

At school, we will be developing the skills for success for now as well as later in life. We will focus on social as well as academic skills, and work with each child at whatever level the child is ready for.

Read, Read, Read! Find every opportunity to read with your child. Value your child's attempts to write and read as they scribble and begin to pretend read. Make it a routine to read nursery rhymes, poems, environmental print, and stories to your child. By the end of your child's kindergarten year, they will be writing sentences and reading to you!

If you have any questions, please set up an appointment to see your child's teacher. We have listed phone number extensions for each kindergarten teacher along with their e-mail address.

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Teachers

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School Hours

8:15 a.m. Students may enter the school/classroom

8:35 a.m. School begins

3:35 p.m. School ends

Drop Off: If your child is Parent Drop Off, he or she should enter from the rear driveway entrance. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE SUPERVISED UNTIL 8:15.** Children cannot be dropped off before this time!

Please try to be consistent as to how your child rides to and from school. Routine is important and makes it easier for the child as well as the teacher to know where each child is to be sent home.

YOU MUST CALL THE SCHOOL BEFORE 3:00 p.m. to change transportation directions for your child to get home. Any changes to the way that your child normally goes home needs to be submitted in writing in advance. We **DO NOT** go on a child's word.

Pick Up: Kindergarten students are dismissed at 3:28 p.m. If you will be picking your child up after school please be prompt and have your code available as your child will be released with a parent pick up tag.

Buses: Once parent pick up is clear, kindergarten will begin loading buses. We will load buses as close to 3:35 p.m. as possible. Buses will be released as soon as ALL buses are loaded and ready to pull out. Please be patient for the first few weeks and understand that it may take longer to get all children home.

Breakfast Procedures

Breakfast is served in the classroom daily at 8:15. This is free to all students.

If you would like your child to eat breakfast at school it is best to have them at school no later than 8:25 so that your child will have time to eat breakfast as the school day begins at 8:35.

Lunch Procedures

Lunch will be served in the cafeteria daily. If your child eats school lunch, they will be able to choose between a main entrée, peanut butter and jelly or blackcat pack. They will also be able to choose a fruit, vegetable and a drink. **If you are sending in lunch money, please put it in an envelope with your child's first and last name and teacher's name on it and mark it as lunch money.**

If you are sending lunch with your child, please make sure YOUR child can easily open the contents and the food does not require a microwave or refrigerator. (These are NOT provided.)

Snacks

Your child will be responsible for bringing snacks for the entire class about once a month. (The number varies depending on how many students are in the class.) Snacks must be store-bought. You may bring in individual drinks also. **Please do not send candy or soda!** Some ideas are:

raisins	bananas	apples	fruit snacks	cookies
Jello		crackers		
Little Debbie Snacks		chips	granola bars	

There are many other choices available, be creative. **Again, please purchase store bought items ONLY.** Watch for the number count on the box and make sure there are enough for the entire class. If there are extras, we save them in an extra container for the days someone may forget.

***If you forget, please send in an extra snack to put in the box. If you are unable to send in snacks for the month, please talk with the teacher prior to so other arrangements can be made.

Birthday Procedures

You may bring store-bought cupcakes or cookies to school for your child's birthday. The cookies or cupcakes will be used as a snack that day.

We do not allow parties in the classroom due to a lack of time and space limitations. Please also know that we do not have the tools for serving cakes (plates, knives, forks, etc.)

*****Birthday party invitations can only be handed out if EVERYONE in the class is invited. We do not want anyone's feelings to get hurt!**

Daily Folder

Being prepared for class will help your child feel organized and ready to learn. It is important for your child to carry a full-size backpack to school each day.

Please make sure your child's daily red folder, provided by the school, stays in their backpack when not being read or emptied. The best time to go over your child's folder is early in the evening while the day is still fresh in their mind. At this time you can put things in their bag that they may need for the next day.

Every week we will send home a newsletter inside the red folder, please make sure to read it carefully each week for important information.

Remember that keeping a routine in your home, such as setting a bedtime allowing 8-10 hours of sleep, can affect your child's progress at school.

School Rules

LIM-Leader in Me and PBIS-Positive

Behavioral Interventions and Support

Leader in Me is a whole-school transformation model and process developed in partnership with educators that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. It is based on principles and practices of personal, interpersonal, and organizational effectiveness, and upon the powerful premise that every child possesses unique strengths and has the ability to be a leader.

Leader in Me helps students learn how to become self-reliant, take initiative, plan ahead, set and track goals, do their homework, prioritize their time, manage their emotions, be considerate of others, express their viewpoint persuasively, resolve conflicts, find creative solutions, value differences, and live a balanced life. The process helps students develop the skills and self-confidence they need to lead their lives and succeed in school and beyond.

Pevely Elementary PBIS is a system organized in a way to promote positive behaviors and reteach expected behaviors when they are not followed. With all staff members using common language and the same expectations in all areas of our school, students will know what is expected at all times. If you would like more information about school wide PBIS you may visit www.pbis.org.

If a student demonstrates expected behaviors, he/she may be rewarded with a Blackcat ticket. These tickets may be given to ANY student at ANY time by ANY staff member in our building. These tickets can be 'spent' in our school store in the classroom at the end of every week, or be saved for a larger reward.

In addition to the Blackcat tickets, students will be able to earn incentives quarterly, as a class, as a bus, etc. If a student is not demonstrating the expected behaviors, he/she will be retaught what is expected in our school. Consequences will be individualized to the student and the behavior in order to maximize academic achievement and behavioral competence. To list all of the possibilities would be endless.

Other Important Kindergarten Information

1. If/when you bring your child to school at the beginning, your child's fears and tears will best be overcome if you do not linger. (Most of the time the first day is more difficult for the parents.)
2. Names should be printed on all coats, backpacks, and any other personal items.
3. If a student has a temperature or is sick, please do not send them to school. If your child has a fever of 100 or higher, has been vomiting or has diarrhea, they should not return to school until they are fever/symptom-free and cleared by the school nurse to return.
4. Any money (for example, lunch, book orders, party) is best sent to school in a sealed envelope/or plastic baggie with the child's first and last name, teacher's name and its purpose.
5. For use at rest/quiet time, please provide a towel/beach towel. Please no stuffed animals. We will send towel/beach towels home after the 1st quarter.
6. Please make sure the office and the nurse have names and correct phone numbers of persons to call in case of an emergency. If these numbers change, immediately notify the school with the new information.
7. Make sure your child dresses appropriately for the weather. As long as the weather allows us to go outside, we will go! Teach your child how to get dressed independently. (put on, button, tie, snap, take off, and hang up outer clothing) This includes appropriate bathroom habits. The teachers CANNOT help a child in the restroom!

****All guidelines and procedures in this handbook are subject to change due to COVID-19 practices and restrictions. Communication will be sent via email, paper copy, and/or social media in the event of a change in this information.**

Checklist

Are you ready for the first day of school?

- Lunch money/Free and Reduced lunch form (If applicable)
- Backpack large enough to hold daily red folder (no wheels please)
- Extra change of clothes to keep in backpack in case of emergency
- Papers from Open House that need to be filled out, completed, and put in the daily red folder.
- School supplies (If you did not bring them to Open House)