Welcome to our Kinder-garden!



Miss Mellor

School Times

- AM Kindergarten: 9:00 11:35
 - Doors will NOT be opened until 8:45 AM
- PM Kindergarten: 12:40 3:15

(Must enter through front doors, students are welcome 10 minutes before class starts)

- *EARLY OUT DAY! Mondays
- AM Kindergarten: 9:00 -11:15
- PM Kindergarten: 12:15- 2:30

Dress Code and Toys



District Policy states:

- Modest shorts and skirts(girls may want to wear shorts under skirts or dressed for recess)
- No hats or unnatural hair colors
- No tank tops
- Dress appropriately for the weather
 - Label EVERYTHING!
 - Even scooters/bikes

 Please don't bring TOYS to school!

 If brought, the teacher will collect them and they can be picked up after school!

This is my beginning letter! I like.....

- This is my beginning letter:
- First opportunity for sharing in front of class.
- Bring letter the first day of school
- Each child will get a turn to share their letter cards filled with all their favorite things.



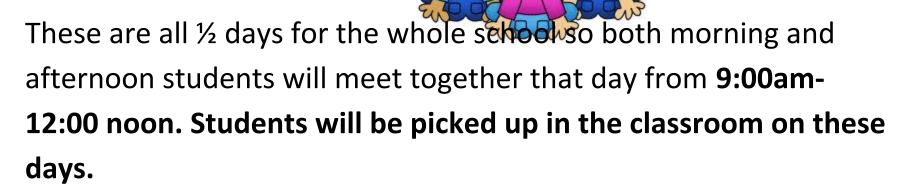


SEP/Parent Conferences

- We will have SEP Parent Conferences three times throughout the year.
- We will use a Google documents to sign up for appointments.
- Oct 23rd, 24th: More information to come. (There WILL be regular Kindergarten sessions on all of these days).
- Jan 8th, 9th Walking Report Card: More information to come.
- Mar 18th, 19th: More information to come.

Kindergarten "Squishy Days"

- **ALL** kindergarten students will come to school in the morning on the following days.
- Sept 16th (Mon)
- Mar 10th (Tues)



I am looking for parents to help with rotations on these days.

Show-n-Teach

- Show-n-Teach: (Jan/Feb)
 - Second opportunity for sharing in front of class
 - Each child will have one assigned day to be the teacher and teach the class how to do something.







Remind Texting App



Miss Mellor created Am Kindergarten on Remind. Follow these steps to join!

1. Download the Remind app. It's free!





2. Enter the class code

@missmellor



What's Remind?

Remind is a simple way for you to stay informed and up-to-date with what's happening in your class. By joining your teacher's class on Remind, you're choosing to receive class messages via push notifications, SMS, or email. Don't worry, your phone number will not be shared with the teacher or anyone else in the class.

- Texting app
- Doesn't share your phone number with anyone else, unique class code.
- Easy way for me to send a quick reminder about upcoming events or dates.

Author Book

- Author Books: (April)
- Celebration of writing skills we have developed
- Each child will create and write their own story at home
- They will then share their story with the class.

A Child's Vocabulary Word Bank

- Children's vocabulary word banks are decreasing over the years.
- 1950- 5 yr old's word bank consisted of about 25,000 words or more
- 1999- 5 yr old's word bank consisted of about 10,000 words
- 2006- 5 yr old's word bank consisted of about 6,000 words
- Present Day- vocabulary word banks are decreasing
- It is so important to use oral language skills daily.
- Talk with your students daily. Ask them about specific parts of their day. (What was your favorite part of the day? Tell me about the stories you read today.)
- Don't accept one word answers encourage them to speak using complete sentences. Tell me more about.....

Homework Books

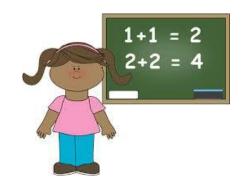
- Come home on TUESDAY
 - One letter per week (2 pages)
- Come back to school on THURSDAY
- Parents please initial each page when completed.
 - Practice letter formation and label 5 pictures beginning with the letter of the week
 - Create word lists
 - Write full sentences
 - Practice sounding out words
- Parents: This is your child's opportunity to practice, <u>please</u> <u>allow your child to do their own work with your support.</u>



Ready Math/Imagine Learning

- Math: Ready Math new district math program this year. It does have an online component for use at home as well as school called I-Ready, as I receive more information I will share it with you.
- Imagine Learning: Phonics online resource. Your child can continue working at home where they left off at school. Fun way to strengthen and reinforce literacy skills with educational games and activities. More information to come.

Ready Math



 Lots of hands on learning and exploring with our math program.

 Math homework sheets may come home with your students, occasionally. They will be reinforcement/practice for what we are learning at school.

Parent Helpers

- All help is welcome and appreciated!

 Both at home or at school!
- Home: cutting, coloring, stapling, etc.
- <u>School:</u> rotations, centers, assessing, extra reading help, one on one time etc.
- Room Parents: help with parties, field trips, calling parents, etc.
- Volunteers please check in at the office, get a visitor badge, & record your hours.

My Books

- My Books:
- A reading book that will come home once a week
- Your child gets to keep the book
- Have child point at individual words as they read
- Make connections to the story, identify sight words
- Retell and re-read to siblings or pets!

Parent help is needed to assemble these books!!

Discipline/Rules

- Strikes: 1, 2, and 3!
 - Strike 1: Verbal Warning to change behavior
 - Strike 2: Review Rules/Expectations (Thinking Time)
 - Strike 3: Time Out



- We focus on 4 main Rules in Kindergarten
 - We listen
 - We are kind to others
 - We take turns
 - We put our things away
 - KYFHOOTY (Keep Your Feet Hands and Other Objects to Yourself)
 Please review these with your child!

Book Orders

- This is a great opportunity for your child to build their at home library
- I will usually attach a suggested book list of some of my favorite books or authors
- You can also place your order online

(each teacher has a classroom code)

NO CASH!! Checks ONLY

Make checks out to Scholastic Book Club

One check for whole order OR

 Purchase online any time you want from any catalog

Parent Notes



- Parents please check/empty backpacks everyday!!!!!
- Important notes will be in your child's Responsibility Folder, or occasionally a label will be put on your child's shirt.
 - If you have an important note for teacher, pin them to your child so I see it!
 - E-mail will be used as contact between teacher and parents (notices, information and reminders) Please be sure teacher/SIS system has your current email address.
 - Spanish Oaks website has school calendar and important information
 - http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/content/school-calendar
 - Google Documents for sign ups for activities and SEP's.
 - Kimberly.mellor@nebo.edu

Birthdays



Birthday Bag:

On your child's birthday or UN-birthday, students will take home a birthday bag with a journal page and a small surprise. Please RETURN the bag and the journal to the teacher the <u>next day!</u>

Birthday Page:

We will share this page with the class on your special day. It is one of our favorite books to read/look at all year long. Please decorate the page with photos, pictures, clipart, stickers etc of things that your child loves.

Birthday treats:

Treats are optional but must be store bought and individually wrapped. They will be passed out at the end of the day to take home with each child! Due to the fact that some students may have allergies or other food restrictions, healthy treats or other types of items like pencils, stickers, etc are a great option (please make your teacher aware of any allergies)

Birthday Books/other classroom supplies:

Instead of a treat you might purchase a book for the class or school library or even a class game or classroom supplies.

T-Shirts



- Helps us easily identify our class!
- The \$25.00 donation for each student includes the cost of our class T-shirts. If you have not had a chance to donate please do so at the office.
- Our class will have a Navy Blue colored T-shirt (Mellor-Navy Blue)
- Shirts will be worn EVERY FRIDAY (spirit day) Kindy 500, Field Trips, Field Day, and any other important days
- Thank you if you already paid at registration

T-shirt Design



Kindergarten Fieldtrip

We will have 2 fieldtrips throughout the year.

• 1- Walking fieldtrip to help print our t-shirts. (Logo Print Shop across the street - Sept)

• 2- Hogle Zoo in the month of May (date to be determined)

Monthly Calendar



- Calendars will be emailed at the beginning of the month
 - Outlines the monthly activities, letters/words of the week, and units
 - Kindergarten website will also have dates and reminders <u>https://sites.google.com/a/nebo.edu/kindergarten</u>
 - Schedules may change!!
 - We need to be flexible for changes that may occur, we will keep you informed of important changes.
- Additional practice skills along with each calendar.
 - Practice these skills at home throughout the month to reinforce what we are working on at school.



Reading Calendars

- Reading calendars come home at the beginning of each month. Reading each day is part of our Kindergarten Homework expectations.
- Color in one picture for the days you and your child read at least <u>15 minutes</u> together.
- Parents, please SIGN the calendar and return it at the end of the month and your child will earn a special reward! Their name will also be placed in drawings for school wide reading rewards.



Kindy 500

 Kindergarten will be celebrating our annual "Kindy 500" on April 3rd as we are learning about our National Symbols.

• Students will each make a box car for our parade and to drive to our National Historic sites (learning stations).

(More information to come)

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Drop-Off:

- **AM:** Kindergarten doors or main front door
 - Before 8:45am students must enter through the front doors. Kindergarten door open from 8:45am-9:00am.
- PM: Students must enter through the front door of the school.
 - Students are welcome 10 mintues before classes start.

Pick-Up:

AM:

- We will be using the WEST Kindergarten parking lot (by our playground)
- Pull all the way to the end of the sidewalk so we can fit as many cars as possible. As soon as your child/children are safely loaded please pull ahead.
- The next car in line should pull up to the next vacant spot and I will send your child/children to you.
- If you need to talk to the teacher **or** another parent please PARK your car in a parking spot and then visit!

PM:

• Students will remain in the classroom until picked up by a sibling or parent. (or other arrangements are made)

1st Day of School

August 26th, 2019 (First day of Kindergarten)

Hip, Hip, Hooray I start Kindergarten today!

(Reminder Early Out Day) 9:00-11:15 / 12:15-2:30

Please plan to spend the first 10-15 minutes with your child to help them start their day!



I am so excited for our year to begin!



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