

Harbor School Classroom Newsletter

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Our First Days of School!

We have been working extremely hard on Responsive Classroom techniques. Responsive Classroom beliefs are that the social curriculum is just as important as the academic curriculum. Here are some goals we are working on for the first 6 weeks of school: To learn our schedule and routines. To learn how to take care of ourselves. To learn to take care of others. To learn how to take care of our school and our school materials. To work quietly during directions and learning times. To practice safety inside and outside the school. Finally, to learn what it looks like to be “good” and use polite manners to friends and adults.

Helpful Hints!

*Practice a nightly routine with your child. Try going to bed earlier than usual and read a story together. Continue this throughout the school year!

*Prepare your child with any questions about the first weeks of school. (Example) Your child might be scared because he/she does not know where the bathroom is.

* Assure your child that the teacher or an adult will help.

*Go over the home routines such as getting dressed, eating breakfast, and going to the bus stop. Practice it!

Label all money brought to school in a plastic bag or envelope with amount, what it is for, and your child’s name on it. Many children lose their ice cream money on Fridays!

* Make sure your child is confident about their travel arrangements going to school and leaving school. If there are **ANY CHANGES WRITE A NOTE TO THE TEACHER and CONTACT** the office!

* Try to keep routines simple and try to follow the same routine everyday at home and school. Please bring their daily folder back and forth to school everyday.

* If your child brings in a snack for the class please be sure to read all labels for peanuts, nuts, or nut oils. **Do Not** bring nut products to school because we have a few students who are highly allergic.

Classroom Wish List!

Clorox Wipes

Plain crackers (saltines, Ritz)

Popsicles

Tissues

Rags or clothes for cleaning

Thank you Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Kramer ☺