

Kindergarten is an exciting year for students! We have put together this guideline to help answer any questions that you may have about kindergarten. Please feel free to call us if you have any additional questions.

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To email your child's teacher, type the teacher's first name dot last name@ fortbend.k12.tx.us (example: Jane Smith – jane.smith@fortbend.k12.tx.us)

Please Do Not Remove This Packet From The Daily Folder

Drabek Expectations:



Kindergarten uses a clip/color system to help students visually understand the Drabek Expectations. These are the daily rules we expect the children to follow:

- 1. Listen and follow directions.
- 2. Respect others and their property.
- 3. Walk silently in the hallway.
- 4. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- 5. Be prepared and ready to learn.
- 6. Use appropriate cafeteria behavior.

If your child has to move his or her clip to a different color on the behavior chart, this will be noted in the Tuesday folder.

Kindergarten Behavior Plan:

We use colors to represent the student's behavior. Each day children start on green and are reminded of the Drabek Expectations and classroom social contract. They are constantly encouraged to do their best and be active listeners and learners.

Color	What it means	Action taken			
Green	Appropriate behavior at school.	Students are rewarded with verbal praise, dragon dollars, stickers, and/o a treat from the treasure box.			
Blue	The student needs to stop and think about his/her behavior.	Students are asked what they can do to make better choices and they are reminded of how they should act at school.			
Yellow	The student has been given several opportunities to correct his/her behavior, but he/she has not made the effort to make better choices.	A yellow note is sent home in the daily folder to let parents know what behavior needs improvement.			
Red	The student continues to make poor choices.	A yellow note is sent home in the daily folder to let parents know what behavior needs improvement. The teacher may choose to call home.			

*Students are given warnings before their clips are changed.

-Depending on the severity of a child's behavior, office referrals may be necessary. Behaviors that warrant office referrals include: fighting, spitting, pinching, punching, slapping, or another other action that physically hurts another child.

-Please know that students **always** have the opportunity to return to the color green when they show that they are making better choices. Please continue to remind your student of classroom expectations at home to help ensure a successful school year!

PARENT SIGNATURE _

(Please sign to indicate that you have read over the Drabek Expectations and Drabek Kindergarten Behavior Plan and agree with all that is stated).

General Kindergarten Guidelines:



YOU are your child's most important teacher. By spending time reading with your child and looking over schoolwork, you show your child the value that you place on education. We not only value your reinforcement of skills, but we also need your assistance to help your child receive a well-balanced education.

You will see weekly newsletters come home that contain information about our class activities and suggestions of things you can do to help your child at home. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us with a note, email, or a phone call (281) 634-6570.

Some friendly reminders:

- Label the inside of your child's jacket, hat, backpacks, and lunch kit.
- Dress your child in clothes that he/she can easily remove and put on independently. You may want your female student to wear shorts under her dresses/skirts or skirts as we participate in many vigorous physical activities at school.
- Please jewelry or toys at home.
- Please take time to read everything that comes home in your child's Daily/Tuesday folder, as this
 is your primary connection to what is going on in school. Every Tuesday, you will receive a folder
 containing notes from school. The Tuesday Folder needs to be signed and returned on
 Wednesday.

Let's have a great school year!



Bragging Dragon:



Each week, one child will be randomly selected to be the "Bragging Dragon" (Student of the Week). This "dragon" will have a bulletin board for the week to display pictures of family, baby pictures, pictures of pets, and information about himself/herself. You may want to include information about your child's favorite foods, books, games or activities, and favorite movies. Please create a poster of information so that we may display the poster for the entire week. Your child may also bring in one



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Snacks & Water Bottles:

We eat lunch at 10:15 a.m. each morning, so your child may become very hungry before 3:00 p.m. Although we set aside time in the early afternoon to eat snacks, the school DOES NOT provide these snacks. We ask that you send a small, prepared, nutritional snack each day for your child. Examples include: grapes, cut up apples, crackers, goldfish crackers, bananas, pretzels, and yogurt (but please provide your own spoon). We ask that you do not send unhealthy snacks such as candy, cookies, pudding, or cake. A small sandwich ziplock bag would be the perfect serving size.

Water bottles with tight fitting caps are also welcome in our classrooms. We ask that you do not freeze them first, because they sweat in backpacks and on tabletops. Juice and colored or sweetened drinks (like Gatorade or Kool-Aid) are not allowed.

PLEASE LET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER KNOW IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY FOOD ALLERGIES OR RESTRICTIONS



Each month, you will receive a homework calendar store inforce through email. Please complete each assignment and initial in the appropriate box end of the month, return the signed calendar/assignments to your child's teacher.

Reading Log:

Book Club Orders:



Book orders will be sent home monthly. If you choose to purchase books, you may write a check for the order or send cash (exact change, please). <u>Please make all checks payable to Scholastic</u>.



Your child will go to outclass every day. Please have your child wear appropriate athletic-type shoes on a daily basis to be prepared for any outclass activities and for recess as well. Library outclass reminder: Please return your child's library book to their backpack after reading it (keep it in the library book bag).

High Frequency Words for Kindergarten:



These are the words that your child is required to know by the end of the school year. Please practice reading, identifying, spelling, and making sentences with these words at home.

a	am	an	and	at	can	come	dad
do	down	go	have	he	help	here	I
in	is	it	jump	little	like	look	love
me	mom	my	no	not	on	see	SO
the	to	ир	we	you			