

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Glade Elementary School

2013 - 2014



Dear Families,

We are very excited to begin our new school year here at Glade Elementary. To help us to communicate throughout the year, our team will be publishing newsletters to update you on kindergarten happenings and special events. The first few newsletters will be sent home. After that, the newsletters will be posted on the school website. We will send more information about that in a future newsletter. Of course, you are always encouraged to contact your child's teacher when specific concerns or questions arise. We look forward to an exciting and successful year in kindergarten!

Sincerely,

Lisa Bankert, Julia Keeney, Tara Miller, Mary Anne Raymond, and Melissa Venter

School Hours

The school doors open at 8:30 each morning. Our school day begins at 9:00 and ends at 3:30. Daily attendance and punctuality are very important! We want children to begin developing these important life skills in kindergarten. Thank you for your help.

Student Information Card

Your child will receive a preprinted student information card. Make any changes of information directly on the card and return it to school as soon as possible. Any change in address will require a proof of residency such as a signed lease/rental agreement or a gas, electric, or water and sewer bill. The school office and the health room each maintain these cards for every student and refer to them anytime there is a question, concern, or emergency. The health information card will be a blank form that you are required to fill out. The form is also found on www.fcps.org if you wish to type the information, print it out, and return it to school. You will want to be sure your child's cards are correct and current throughout the school year. Thanks!

Bus Tags

Please complete the bus tag your child received with his/her school letter and have your child wear it on the first day of school. On the first day, your child's teacher will give your child another bus tag. Please make sure your child has that bus tag with him/her every day at school. We will continue to use these bus tags for at least the first 2 weeks of school to help everyone involved in bus dismissal.

Birthday Snacks and Invitations

Due to allergies and other health concerns, the Frederick County Health Department no longer allows birthday snacks/treats to be brought to school. Additionally, please do not send any birthday invitations to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Label, Please!

Please make sure all of your child's belongings are labeled clearly with his/her name – backpacks, coats, hats, etc. **Please label your child's lunchbox with your child's name and your child's teacher's name.** This will help us when lunchboxes are misplaced at lunchtime and we need to find the correct classroom. Thanks for your help! Children are not to bring toys to class unless specifically requested by the teacher.

Home-School Communication

Please make sure that your child brings his/her backpack and take-home folder to school every day. The children will begin using their take-home folders on the first day of school. We use this folder as our communication link. Please place all notes in this folder (not loose in your child's backpack) and check this folder daily for our correspondence to you. We don't want you to miss any important papers!

Please sign up for Find Out First. Go to the fcps.org website for more information. You will receive e-mails about school events, school closings and delays, and other pertinent school and county information.

Besides our team monthly newsletters and individual classroom newsletters, a Glade Gazette will be sent out through e-mail every other week. If you do not have an e-mail address, inform the school and we will include a copy of the Glade Gazette in your child's Thursday folder.

Notes

If your child is going to go home in a different manner than usual, you must send a note. We will follow the normal routine unless we receive a note from you. If you forget to send a note, please call the school office at 240-236-2100 before 2:30.

If your child is absent, please send a note the day he/she returns to school, stating the reason why your child was absent. The office needs this information to ensure absences are excused. We appreciate your help in this matter!

Breakfast/Lunch Information

The children may buy breakfast (\$1.10) or lunch (\$2.05) and, for those who are eligible, we offer free or reduced price meals. Menus can be viewed on the county's website www.fcps.org, on Cable Channel 18, or sent via Find Out First e-mail. You can prepay online or by check made payable to Glade Elementary Cafeteria. Check out the website for more information about this process.

Special Classes

The Kindergartners will be going to Specials – Physical Education, Music, Art, and Media Center. Your child's teacher will send home her class schedule. Please make note of when your child has P.E. and make sure he/she dresses appropriately. Please help your child remember to return his/her library book each week. Thanks for your help.

Homework

On a daily basis, we encourage you to read with your child. Reading to/with your child helps build vocabulary, stimulates curiosity and imagination, and motivates your child to want to read!

Little books will be coming home with your child at a later date and more information will be sent home at that time.

Our monthly newsletters will include a variety of Language Arts and Math activities to try at home.

Your child's teacher will inform you about additional assignments and activities throughout the year.

Working together, we'll have a fantastic year!

