

**KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL DAY**— School doors open at 7:55. Our school day runs from 8:15-3:15. Please have your child at school earlier so your child has time to take care of their folder and morning routines so we can be in our desks and start promptly at 8:15.

**CLOTHING**—The Calvary dress code states that solid color tops and bottoms are to be worn to school each day. Wednesday, children wear khaki bottoms and a Calvary polo shirt. When the class takes field trips, students should wear Calvary t-shirts or polo shirts. Please practice buttoning and zipping pants and coats with your child as that helps them use the bathroom and be ready for outdoor time independently.

**SHOES**—Each morning, we start our day by running laps outside. This is part of our fitness program and is a good way to start the day. When looking for school shoes, keep in mind that they should be comfortable for running and playing outside. Socks should also be worn.

**FOOD**—A good breakfast provides fuel to start the day! Please have your child eat a good breakfast at home before coming to school.

Snacks-We have a short snack break around 9:45. Please pack a snack separately from your child's lunch (such as juice and crackers, or fruit and a granola bar) in their backpack. Children will put their snacks in a snack basket as part of their morning routine.

Lunch- Lunches are stored on the shelf in the hall until noon. No refrigeration or microwaves are available to students, so you may need to pack ice packs for keeping items cold, or a thermos for warm items. Remember to pack napkins and utensils when needed. (No soda, please.) Water bottles are allowed in the classroom.

SCHOOL FOOD POLICY- Out of concern for student health/allergies and respect for parental decisions regarding student snacks and meals, students and families are not to bring snacks or food to school or on field trips to share with other students. Such items brought to school will not be served and will be returned to the home with the student. If desired, parents may recognize special events such as birthdays by giving items such as a class book, pencils, stickers, classroom supplies, etc. Parents are to coordinate such gifts with the classroom teacher prior to any special event.

**CHAPEL**—Each Wednesday the entire student body participates in an afternoon chapel service. Each kindergarten child will be paired with an older student from grades 7-8 who will be their chapel partner for the year.

Mission envelopes-A mission offering is collected during chapel each week. The monies collected support several different mission projects through the year. An envelope will be clipped in your child's folder if you'd like to contribute.

### **HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS**

Parent Newsletter-Each week a parent newsletter will inform you of the latest classroom and school news. You may receive this via email or in your child's folder. Please check out the kindergarten section each week, as you will see the main learning goals for the week in addition to news regarding field trips and special events.

Folder-Your child will bring their pocket folder home each day. Please check this folder each night and take the items out (permission slips, completed papers, newsletters, etc.). Return it to school each day.

Math Home Links-The kindergarten math curriculum includes opportunities for students to practice math concepts at home. Please complete these Home Link sheets at home with your child and return them to school with your signature by the due date written at the top. The students complete a chart with a sticker for each Home Link sheet they return.

Scholastic Book Orders come home each month. You may or may not wish to order. If you are interested, you can order online with a class code, or you may return the paper form with cash or check written out to the teacher.

## **CURRICULUM**

Our weekly schedule includes the classes that take place each day: Bible Lessons (Old Testament lessons this year) Hymn study, hands-on Math, Letterbooks (letter study and phonetic reading program) History, Science, story time, computer, and play time are included in our busy day! More information will be presented at our orientation evening, Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **OTHER TIDBITS**

REST/QUIET READING TIME-After lunch and recess there will be a rest and quiet reading time. Children will be given mats and a bag of books to enjoy during this quiet time.

TOYS-We have many toys for children to play with in the classroom and at recess. Please do not send toys from home to school, as we don't want them to get lost or broken.

MYSTERY SHOW AND TELL/SHARING TIME-children may bring items to share for Mystery Show and Tell days. (Children bring an item to correlate with the letter we are currently studying. Children give clues to the class and their classmates try to guess the name of the item.)

## **HOME IDEAS**

Bedtime-start your bedtime routine a few weeks before school begins. Early childhood educators suggest at least 10 hours of sleep each night for kindergarten-age children.

Developing routines helps your child be more independent. Establish a place where child can put their folder or school papers each day. Make a chart to outline what needs to be done before bedtime and another to list what should be done each morning before leaving for school.

Find a special place for your child to put their backpack each night before bed so they can easily pick it up each morning on the way out the door.

## **READ, READ, READ**

One of the best things you can do for your child is to read together - often. Not only is this fun, but reading aloud to your child helps him/her learn new words and grants exposure to new adventures, places, animals! Your local library can offer great read alouds, easy readers and non-fiction books for young learners.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

You may contact me any time with your questions or concerns:

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