

THE ABC'S OF KINDERGARTEN



If your child is **absent**, please call me (920.825.7321 ext. 104) to let me know. A note stating the reason for the absence must be brought to school as soon as possible to avoid an unexcused absence.



If you would like to enroll your child in our **breakfast** program, please contact the school office.

BEE BOOKS help keep us organized. The three-ring binder houses a homework folder, newsletter/take home papers folder, and other items that assist with communication between home and school.

If you would like to send a **birthday** treat with your child on or near his/her birthday, please feel free to do so. These treats will be eaten during our snack time. Birthdays are recognized during our calendar routine as well. We will recognize summer birthdays at the end of the school year. Please do not send **birthday party invitations** to be distributed at school unless *all* children receive an invitation.

I will send home **book order** forms for you and your child to look over every month. Book clubs offer books at reduced prices. It's a great way to build your child's home library!



Parent and Teacher **conferences** are held at the end of the first and third quarter. Watch for information and reply accordingly. Conferences will be held on November 17th and 18th, as well as March 3rd.

Communication is important. Feel free to contact me whenever you have a question or concern. You can reach me by phone (920.825.7321 ext. 104), in person, by email (jmeacham@southerndoor.k12.wi.us), or by note.



Discipline is simple. We work hard as a class to make the classroom a positive and safe place for all. Our EAGLE rules are:

1. Be an EAGLE listener
2. Be an EAGLE learner
3. Have an EAGLE attitude



My school **email address** is jmeacham@southerndoor.k12.wi.us. I check email daily. If you have an **email address** that you'd like me to be aware of, please let me know.

Please complete and return the **emergency card** promptly. If your home or work phone number changes, please inform the office *and* me.

Early Release Days will take place on 9-13-05, 10-6-05, 12-6-05, 1-24-06, 2-15-06, and 4-25-06. On Early Release days, students eat lunch and then are dismissed to the busses at 11:55 AM.



Information about **field trips** will come home in the BEE book and will be detailed in the field trip permission slip and weekly newsletter.



Our class will have a 30 minute **gym** class every Monday and Wednesday, and on rotating Fridays. The children are asked to wear athletic shoes on gym days. We have gym on "A" Fridays.



Students will have some **homework** in Kindergarten. Homework assignments will vary and will be sent home in the BEE book. Unless otherwise noted, please return the homework the following day.



Independence is a goal for students because it builds self-esteem and self-confidence. Kindergarteners are very capable of doing many things on their own and I encourage them to do as much as they can for themselves in the classroom. Please work on the following skills at home with your child: *zipping, tying, dressing, etc.*



Writing takes place every day in kindergarten. One way we accomplish this is through free writing in our **journals** and through writer's workshop. Encourage your child to write at home for a variety of purposes.



Keep updated by reading the classroom newsletter every week and checking the Bee book every day for other notes and information.



Our class will visit the **library** once a week. Our library associate is Ms. Kasten. Your child will check out a book when we visit the library and return it within the following week. If your child forgets to return the book, they will not be allowed to check out a new book until it is returned.

Our class eats **lunch** at 11:55. If **lunch money** is sent to school, please send it in the BEE book. There is a pencil pocket pouch for this purpose that is located in the front of the BEE book.

Learning Areas is a time for your child to experience opportunities for “free play.” Learning Areas will take place every day. We will join another kindergarten class in the Learning Areas and students will then self-select an area in which to work (play). Children learn through play and this is an important time, integral to the growth and development of your child.



The children will have **music** class every Tuesday and Thursday, and every other Friday with Mrs. Vandertie. We have music on “B” Fridays.

The kindergarten **math** curriculum provides students with mathematical experiences that help them develop number sense and a positive attitude towards mathematics that will continue throughout their school career and lives. Many of our math concepts are covered through our daily calendar routine. Most often, for math class, students will be divided into groups and rotate through centers while I meet with small groups of children for “guided math.” These math groups will be fluid and flexible, changing from day to day or week to week, based on the needs of students.



A weekly **newsletter** will be sent home on Fridays *or* Mondays to keep you informed about what is happening in our class.

There will be **no school** on the following days: **September:** 5; **October:** 28, 28; **November:** 18, 23, 24, 25; **December:** 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; **January:** 20; **March:** 3, 10, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31; **April:** 14; and **May:** 29



Open House will take place on September 22nd, from 5 – 8 PM.



When picking up your child, please use the parent and visitor **parking lot**.



Questions? Please feel free to call, stop in, email, or send a note.

- jmeacham@southerndoor.k12.wi.us
- 920-825-7321 ext. 104



K **report cards** will be sent home 3 times during the school year.

Kindergarteners have morning **recess** from 10:10 – 10:40, lunch recess from 12:30 – 1:00, and afternoon recess from 2:30 – 2:50.



The focus of the kindergarten **science** curriculum is on developing an awareness of the world in which we live. Science concepts and skills will be explored utilizing a literacy based, hands-on approach.

The kindergarten **social studies** curriculum focuses on the students and how they relate to others in their families, classroom, school, and community. Social Studies concepts and skills will be explored utilizing a literacy based, hands-on approach.



If your child has any changes in their **transportation** please let me know in writing, by email, or by voice mail.



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Volunteers and **visitors** must register in the office and pick up a badge.

Family **vacations** are wonderful opportunities for your family, however, please be sure to let us know that you are planning on taking a vacation (during school time) and fill out a Pre-Approval Vacation Form, available in the school office.



Wet and/or dirty clothes can be uncomfortable. Please send an extra set of clothing (shirt, pants, socks, underclothes) in a Ziploc baggie **marked** with your child’s name on the outside of the bag. These will be stored at school and used by your child in the event they are needed.



Parents and family members may **eXit** and enter via the **main** school entry.



Your ideas...and suggestions are welcome!



Zzzzzzz - Make sure that your child gets plenty of rest. Setting **and** keeping a bedtime is a wonderful gift you can give your child.

