

# Carpenter Elementary School

## Mrs. Holland's Kindergarten

### Lunch

We will have lunch in the cafeteria daily from 1:05pm-1:35pm. Your child may bring a lunch from home or purchase lunch from the cafeteria. Breakfast is also available in the cafeteria from 8:45am-9:15am. We strongly recommend that you PREPAY ([www.mylunchmoney.com](http://www.mylunchmoney.com)) for lunch rather than send in money daily with your kindergartener. Full price lunch is \$2.75. *\*\*Parents may come to eat lunch with their child beginning in September. Parents must sign in at the front office and then meet their child's class in the cafeteria.\*\* Your child will be allowed to choose ONE friend to join your lunch date!*

### Snack

Our class participates in community snack. Community snack is when a parent provides our class with a healthy snack. We will send home a snack calendar assigning you a day to send in a snack. If your child has food allergies, please choose to send in a daily snack for your child or you may fill a box with approved snacks to keep at school for your child to choose from daily.

### Morning Arrival

Children are allowed to enter the classroom **no earlier than 8:45am**. We understand that as new students parents may want to walk down to the classroom with their child, however we do ask that after the first week you allow them to walk to class on their own. We know this may be hard, but it allows your child to become independent and responsible, a very important part of kindergarten!

### Transportation

It is **extremely important** that we know how your child is getting home from school each day. If there is a change in transportation please send in a written note, an email, or call the school directly, before 3:00 p.m. We cannot stress enough how important it is to know this **prior** to dismissal! If we do not have a written note or an email that we have responded to, or a call from the office, your child will be sent home by their regular transportation. *\*\*Students are not permitted to ride a bus other than their own.\*\**

### Extra Clothes

Kindergarteners are very unpredictable ☺. For this reason we ask that you send in a complete change of clothes (pants/shorts, shirt, underwear and socks) in the event of an accident. Please put the clothes in a large Ziploc bag with your child's name on it. It will be kept in their cubbies throughout the year. Some of your kindergarteners may never have an accident, but they are handy to have in case of a large spill or a slip in the mud or a puddle.

## Absences

If your child is absent from school please send me an email, or call the school and state the reason for the absence. If a child leaves school before 12:30pm then it is considered an absence. Excused absences are illness, death in the family and religious holidays. All other absences, even with advanced notice, will be unexcused.

## Tardy Bell

The school's tardy bell rings at 9:10am every morning. If your child arrives after the bell has rung they must go to the office to receive a tardy slip before they can come into the classroom. Kindergarten is a great time to make a habit of arriving to school on time!

## Medication

If your child is taking any medication (prescription or non prescription) that must be given at school the parent must fill out a form and have it signed by their doctor. The medication will be kept in the front office. The parent must drop the medication off at the office. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH MEDICATION.**

## Folders

Carpenter Elementary provides each student with one folder a year. This daily folder will be used for student's work and school to home communication. Please empty the folder each day and send the folder back to school!

## Birthdays

In our classroom we will celebrate birthdays as a class. It is not necessary to send in a special snack, however if you would like to celebrate with us I ask that you e-mail me ahead of time to arrange a date and time. Per WCPSS policy, all "treats" must be store bought. If you child has food allergies, please send a few "special" snacks for us to have on hand so your child can still participate in celebrations.

## Volunteers

If you are thinking of coming to our classroom to be a volunteer or to chaperone a field trip, please stop by the media center as soon as possible to electronically complete the required WCPSS form. There is a two-week turn around before our office receives the background check clearance. You may only access this form on the WCPSS INTRANet, which is why you need to complete it at Carpenter.

## Miscellaneous Information

Our class has a website which is located at <http://mrshollandwebsite.weebly.com> Here you will find up to date information about our class, pictures, newsletters and any other important information regarding our class. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in contact with me via email at [eholland@wcpss.net](mailto:eholland@wcpss.net)

I can't wait to get to know your children and I am looking forward to a great school year!