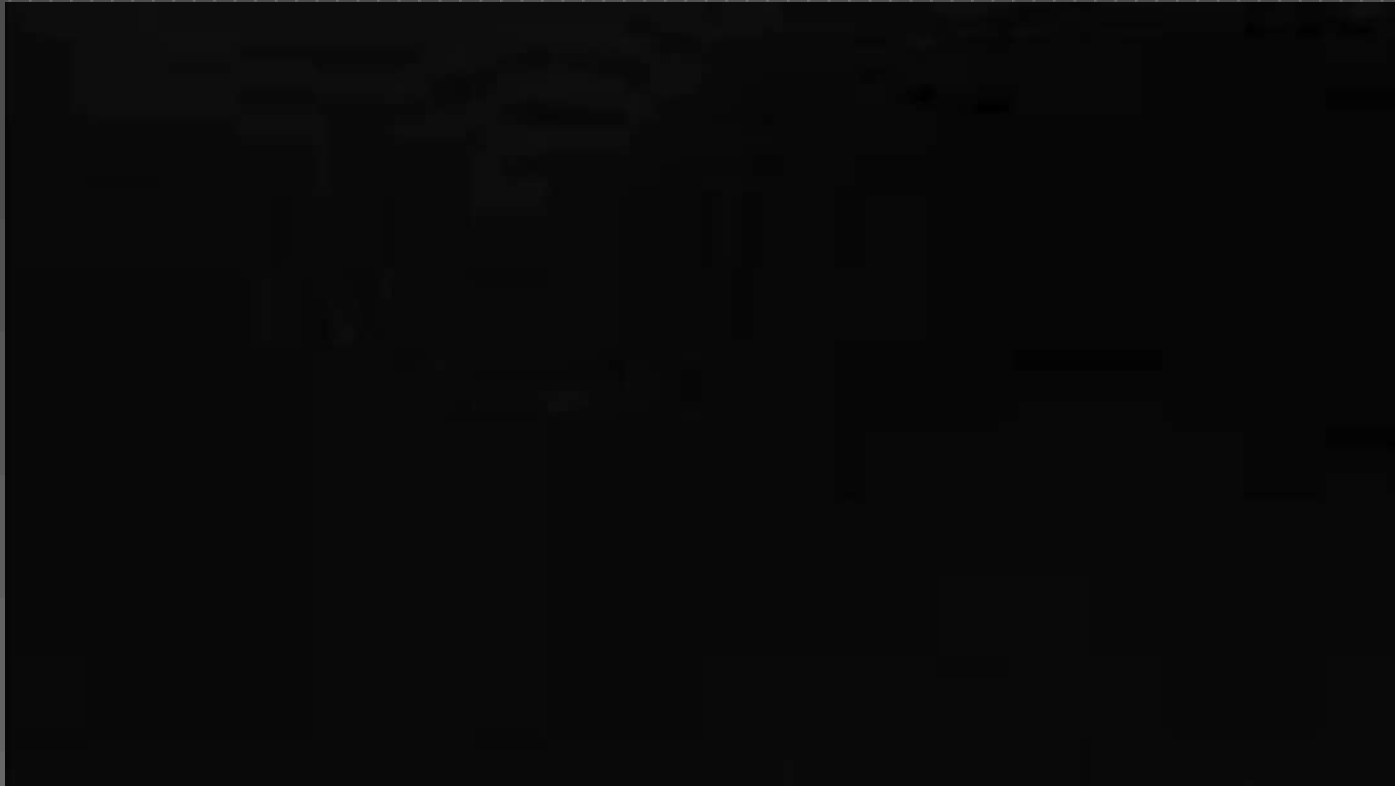




# Readers and Writers Workshop



# Welcome to Mrs. Knaust's Kindergarten Classroom!

Welcome to William Cappel Elementary Kindergarten. It is our desire that your child's first year in school be successful and rewarding. Creating a positive learning experience is a full-time job for teachers and parents. We recognize that YOU are the most important person in your child's life and anticipate your cooperation and support as we work together, as a team, for your child's academic success.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your child or the kindergarten program. We look forward to a successful year with your child.

# Contact Information

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# Take Home Folders

- ▶ This year your child will bring home a folder every night. It may include newsletters, notes, menus, graded work, etc. You will find things that need to be returned to school on the left side of the folder. This may include their homework calendar, unfinished work, notes that need to be signed, etc. Please check this folder nightly and return it to school the following day.
- ▶ Your child will be bringing their 'Take Home Folder' home for the first time on the first day of school, August 16. Please look for it in their back pack.

# Newsletter and Homework

- ▶ Kindergarten will be sending home a monthly homework calendar. The activities will reinforce skills taught at school.
- ▶ A newsletter will be sent home informing you of upcoming events, and skills your child will be working on in the classroom.

# Arrival, Dismissal, and Absences

## Arrival

► Students may arrive at 8:15. Classes begin at 8:40. Students who are not eating breakfast will go to their classroom. Students who are eating breakfast will go straight to the cafeteria first, and then go to their classroom.

## Dismissal

- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday**- School is dismissed at 3:30.
- **Wednesday** is an early out day- School is dismissed at 2:30.
- Car Riders are picked up in the cafeteria. Remember to bring your ID when picking up your child.
- Dismissal Changes-If you must change, please let the office know before 2:00 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday. Please let the office know before 1:00 on Wednesday.

## Absences

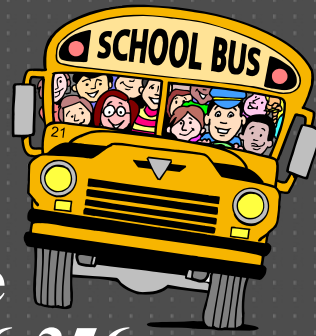
► Contact the school if your child is or will be absent. The attendance policy is located in the school handbook. **Please give this section special attention. Per school policy, you will receive a phone call from your child's teacher if they have a total of 5 unverified absences. After your child's 8<sup>th</sup> unverified absence you will be referred to Division of Family Services. Send a Doctor's note with your child when she/he returns verifying the absence.**

# Breakfast & Lunch

- ▶ Breakfast is served daily between 8:15 and 8:35.
  - ▶ Students may purchase breakfast at school for \$ 1.65
- ▶ Lunch is served at 11:25-11:50.
  - ▶ The price of a school lunch is \$2.65.
  - ▶ You may check your child's parent portal to view their lunch account balance. Please pay careful attention to your child's lunch account balance. Students with a negative balance will be given a sunbutter and jelly sandwich and milk.
  - ▶ You may eat lunch with your child, and only your child, at the tables in the back of the lunch room. Please sign in at the front office.
- ▶ Free and Reduced Meal Applications
  - ▶ There is an application in your child's take home folder. Please fill out and return on the first day of school.
  - ▶ Forms are also available in the school office throughout the school year.



# Transportation



- ▶ **Transportation changes must be made through the school office. You can reach the school office at 636-356-4246.**
- ▶ Keep your school contact information updated for your child, so we can ensure that they get home safely.
- ▶ Check-in with me before you leave to make sure your child's dismissal transportation is correct.
- ▶ If a student doesn't have a bus number listed they are not on a bus roster and will not be allowed to ride a bus.
  - ▶ If your child's PM transportation is incorrect or you need to make changes please see the office before you leave tonight.

# Classroom Expectations/PBIS

Our school wide discipline program is called PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support). Students are given warnings and if the behavior continues they will be asked to visit the Chill Zone. In the Chill Zone students will think about the choices they made and when they are ready to make better choices they may join the rest of the class. A behavior slip will be sent home when a student has to visit the Chill Zone.

- ▶ Respectful
- ▶ Responsible
- ▶ Safe



# Curriculum

- ▶ Reading
  - ▶ 90 minute reading block
    - ▶ Foundations, Heggerty, Reading Workshop
- ▶ Math
  - ▶ Math workshop
  - ▶ hands-on activities
- ▶ Writing
  - ▶ Lucy Calkins
- ▶ Social Studies
  - ▶ Rules
  - ▶ Seasonal Themes
- ▶ Science
  - ▶ Technology based program
  - ▶ Hands-on activities



# Curricular Assessment

- ▶ Report Card
  - ▶ 4 times a year (October, January, March, May)
  - ▶ Parent/teacher conferences at the end of first quarter.(Sign up tonight)
  - ▶ Quarterly midterm progress reports
    - ▶ To help parents prepare students to meet end of quarter goals
- ▶ DIBELS (Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Literacy Skills)
  - ▶ Universal reading screening for K-6
  - ▶ Given 3 times a year (August, January, April)

Thank you!

- ▶ Remember to complete the Back to School Checklist before you leave tonight!
- ▶ I look forward to seeing you on the first day of school!!