

The ABCS Of SALTILLO PRIMARY SCHOOL





A TTENDANCE



Things to remember:

Instruction begins at 8:00am Students should be in the building by 7:50am to take care of morning business. (ex. lunch choice, folder checks) Students should be ready to start learning by 8:00am. 😊

“Kindergarten is not what it use to be.” Every day is important and when a child misses a day, they miss vital instruction.

Research supports that attendance is directly linked to student achievement.

Backpacks



All students need a backpack.

It needs to be large enough to hold a binder/folder comfortably.

No wheels (They can lead to injuries.)

Please check your child's backpack every day.

Cafeteria

- Students may:
 - Eat in cafeteria** (Breakfast is served until 7:40.)
 - Bring lunch from home** (no commercial food may be brought into the cafeteria. Ex. Subway, McDonalds)

- **Cafeteria**

Monthly Menu posted on district website.

Students may pay for lunch daily, weekly, monthly, etc.

Students with outstanding lunch balances will not be allowed to attend field trips.



MyLunchMoney.com is available for online payment and monitoring of fund balance.

Extra sales such as ice cream and slush are available. You may want to talk with your child about limits because it will deplete balances quickly.

- Parents may eat lunch with students. We ask that you limit it to special days due to the number of students that we have. (Reminder: no commercial food.)
- Cupcakes may be brought to the office for student's birthdays. No birthday parties.

Dismissal

- **Car Riders dismiss at 2:45pm.**
- **Daycares dismiss at 2:45pm.**
- **Bus riders dismiss at 3:30pm.**

- Early dismissals should be limited to medical/dental appointments, and emergencies due to being a disruption to the entire classroom and supervision.



Expectations (Parents)

- Parents should have their child at school each day on time and ready to begin instruction at 8:00am.
- Parents should notify office in writing of reasons for absences upon student's return. Forms will be provided at the beginning of the school year.
- Students should have one primary means of transportation to and from school. Any change to this should be done in writing to the child's teacher the morning of the change.
- Check folders and behavior sheets **every** day



F OR YOUR INFO

- We have the following professionals in the building if your child qualifies for their services:
- Speech Pathologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Support Therapist-Lifecore

If your child has a current IEP for one of these services please tell the school counselor now, so that the proper paperwork will be completed by August when your child starts school.

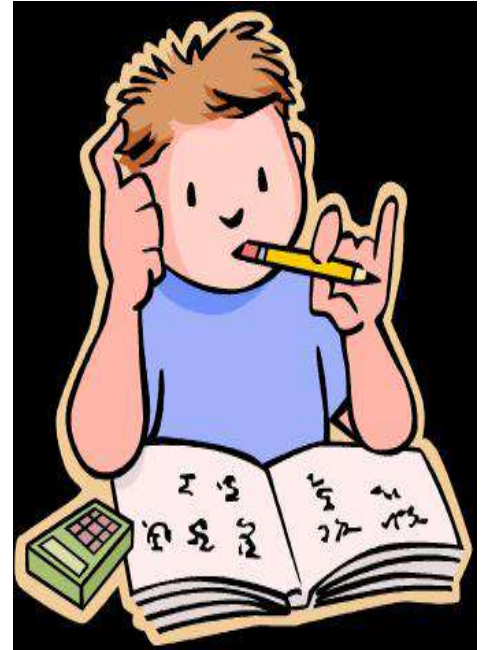
Grading



You will receive a report card in your child's backpack every 9 weeks. In addition, you will receive a progress report 4 ½ weeks into each 9 week grading period.

Homework

- Students will have some homework to complete.
- It will be on a newsletter from your teacher or in a binder/folder in your student's backpack.
- Homework is not busy work, however, extra practice is often helpful.

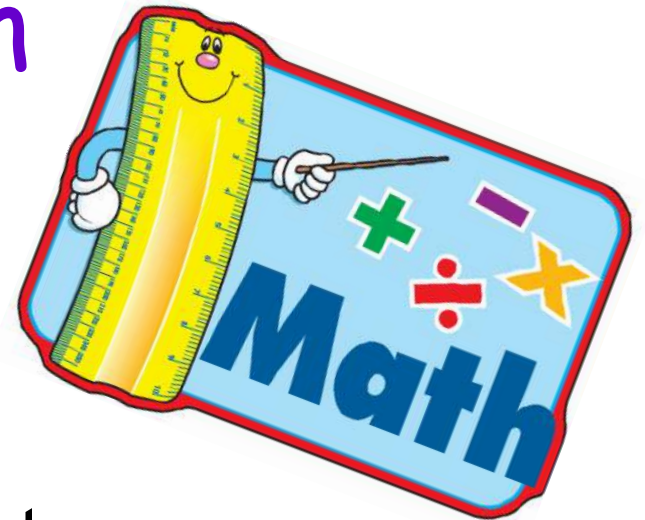


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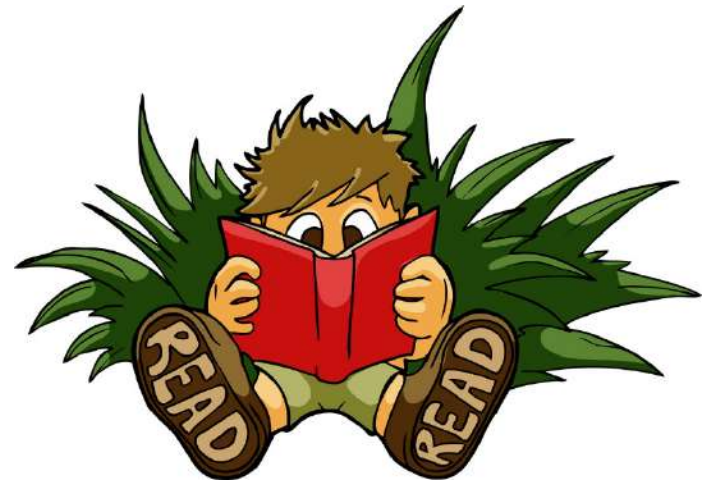
If bad weather develops during the day that requires the school day to be shortened, notification of the dismissal will be on local news and school cast. Please know that teachers can not call every parent for instructions. Please have a plan.

Early dismissal instructions will be asked for on the data sheet you fill out at the beginning of the school year.

Just Kindergarten



- It is not “just” kindergarten anymore. Today’s kindergarteners learn things that we learned in first and second grade.



- Every Day Counts!

Kids, Kids, Kids

We have 810 kids in our building.

12 classes of kindergarteners

13 classes of first graders

12 classes of second graders



Average class size is 22 students.

L Labeling

Please label **EVERYTHING** you send to school.

This includes:

Backpacks

Lunch boxes

Jackets/Coats

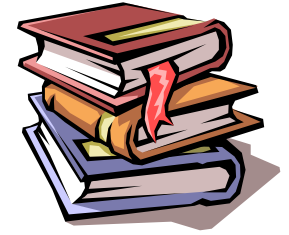
Sweaters/Sweat shirts

We do check for names. Items with names are quickly returned. Items with no name require children or parents to dig through lost and found. Often these items are never found.





Library



Students come to the library once every 6 days during activity.

Checking out books does not begin in Kindergarten until October.

Some teachers keep all books at school to work on sight words.

Parents are responsible for damaged or lost books.

Materials

- Backpack (no wheels)
- Complete change of clothes (pants, shirt, underwear, socks) Often we have spills as well as bathroom accidents which require a change of clothing.
- A school supply list will be available during the summer at local stores (ex. Walmart, Freds) and also on Lee County Schools website. (leecountyschools.us)

Nurse

- Nurse Lori Mize

lori.mize@leecountyschools.us



- Nurse Lori is employed by North Mississippi Medical Center but her office is here on campus.
- If your child takes daily medication, during school hours, you will need to meet with Nurse Lori and complete her paperwork.
- Everyone must complete a consent form so that Nurse Lori may see your child.
- Nurse Lori performs yearly hearing and vision screenings for all students with signed consent forms.

Open House

- We will have an Open House before school starts. You will receive a personal call from your child's teacher to schedule a day and time.
- This will be the time you meet your child's homeroom teacher and visit the classroom.
- Both parents and students are invited to Open House.

P rincipals

- Mr. Ken Smith, Principal
ken.smith@leecountyschools.us



- Mrs. Kay Davis, Assistant Principal
kay.davis@leecountyschools.us



Quality Classroom Instruction

- Saltillo Primary strives to provide high quality classroom instruction. We do this by hiring highly skilled professionals who work hard and constantly seek new and better ways to teach our students.
- Please understand that your child's teacher is a professional with an Education Degree (many with advanced degrees and National Board Certifications). These professionals should be viewed as any other professional you utilize in your life (lawyer, doctor, accountant) when it comes to educational matters.



Recess

- Students will have a 30 minute recess daily.
- Recess will be outside when weather permits.
- Indoor recess will be held in the classroom on bad weather days. (Bad weather may be: rain, excessive cold or excessive heat.)
- Please avoid early check outs during recess times. A staff must walk your child inside the building which decreases the amount of supervision we have on the playground.



Secretary

- Tracy Moore

tracy.moore@leecountyschools.us



Mrs. Tracy has a big job and you will probably know her well by the time you leave us.

T ransportation

- **Car Riders**

Morning

- * Students should **not** be dropped off prior to 7:10am.
- * Staff will be present to unload car riders at 7:20am. Please always use the car rider lanes because the front of the building is reserved for buses. If you must come in with your child please park in a parking space.
- * Students **should** be dropped off by 7:50am.
- * Students arriving after 8:00am will be considered tardy and must go through the office for a tardy slip. Parents must walk their child into the office due to no supervision after 7:50am outside the building.

T ransportation

Afternoon

- * Car rider line begins at 2:45pm
- * Daycares pick up in the cafeteria at 2:45pm. Please notify your daycare of any change in your child's transportation.
- * You must have a car rider number displayed in your vehicle to pick up through car rider line.
- * If you do not have your number please go to the office and you may check your child out. (This is a safety policy.)
- * Please do not pick your child up prior to 2:45pm unless you have a medical/dental appointment or emergency as this disrupts class time and supervision.

T ransportation

- **Buses**

- * Buses arrive on campus between 7:10am and 7:40am.
- * Buses leave campus at 3:30pm.

All transportation changes must be in writing to the child's teacher and should have complete information about the change including a 911 address if the child will be riding a different bus.



Understanding Interventions

- **Academic Coaches**

Our two academic coaches monitor student progress and assess the need for interventions.

WHAT ARE INTERVENTIONS?

Small group instruction, during the day, that reinforces skills a student may not be mastering. Interventions are provided by Intervention Assistants, Certified Teachers and Assistant Teachers.

You will be notified by your child's teacher if interventions are needed.

Volunteers

- **Volunteers are used in the classroom as needed. You may ask your child's teacher about these opportunities.**
- **PTO or Parent Teacher Organization**
Our PTO is very active and all parents will be given information at the beginning of the school year to participate in this organization.

Visitors

For the protection of the students and school employees, all schools have a closed campus policy. Parents and all persons visiting a school for any purpose are required to use the front entrance and report to the office immediately to sign in and receive a pass. Visitors will not be allowed to interrupt instructional time.

Who to call?



1. Teacher

If you have a question or concern, please go **first** to your child's teacher. Teachers communicate best by email due to very limited time during the day without students. They will be happy to schedule conferences during their planning time. Remember teachers may only return parent phone calls during their planning time.

2. School Counselors

Often the school counselor can help with issues that may involve other children or emotional matters.

3. Principal

If you have met with your child's teacher and school counselor and feel that your issue has not been resolved you may schedule an appointment with your child's principal.

X-tra Activities



- Students participate in a 6 day rotation of activity time for enrichment which lasts for 30 minutes per day.
- Activities include:

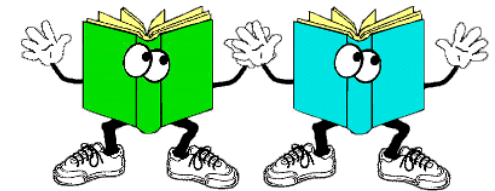
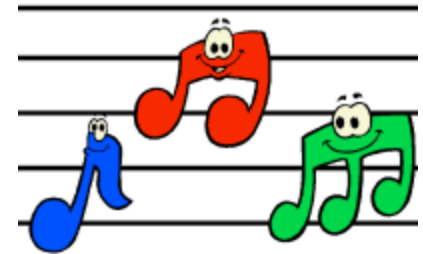
Art

Library

Music (2 days)

Physical Education (P.E.)

Computer Lab



Yes We Do Have Fun!



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- By the way, kindergarteners do not nap. They are much too busy having fun learning.



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