### KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP 2016 WELCOME TO EAGLES



- Agenda:
  - Introductions
  - Eagles Information (Principal: Tanya Lingle)
  - Getting Ready Ideas (Counselor: Cassie Larson)
  - Virtual Tour of the school

# FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

- How do those words make you feel?
- <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eWXOurnVTYg</u>

### Introductions

- Eagles HIGHLIGHTS
  - Enrollment: 340 students
  - -2-3 sections per grade level
  - High academic achievement
  - Leadership
  - Positive School Climate & Culture

### SCHOOL PROCEDURES

- Building Schedule:
  - -8:10 (first bell); 8:20 (school starts)
  - -2:42 (dismissal)
- Students can enter the building at 7:35
- Students will either go to eat breakfast and/or have morning recess

#### SCHOOL PROCEDURES

#### **Parent Drop Off and Pick Up Loop:**

- More information coming in August
- Busiest between 8:10-8:20 and 2:42

#### My child is taking the bus after school:

• Backpack tags with the after-school plan will be used to help the child and other adults at school.

#### **School Lunch:**

- Student lunch number
- Lunch choices; hot, cold, bag lunch
- Serving their food; portion sizes
- Extra hands needed the first week

Put the OFFICE on Speed Dial...446-3900

- Call regarding any absences/tardies/vacations
- Call by 2:15 with any changes for after school plans
- Change of information (Phone, address, emergency contacts, health concerns). You can also update this information in your PowerSchool account
- If your child is sick (vomiting, temperature) they should be without symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school

# WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MY CHILD BE READY? RREADS

This August, you will receive a letter from Eagles stating a date and time for your child's kindergarten assessment. The information helps our teachers prepare for your child in the upcoming school year. This will also provide a time for your child to see a kindergarten classroom and meet one of the kindergarten teachers. \*Please sign up for a time this evening.

#### **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

- Parents that are involved in their child's education and school have children that perform well academically and socially.
- Join the PTA
- Attend school events
- Help in the lunch room the first week of school so our kindergarteners learn the routine
- Volunteer at the school
- READ with/to your child

#### **School Communication**

- On Facebook join the Eagles PTA
- ConnectEd messages sent out in email & text format. There will be times that you will get a phone call, however those times are reserved for certain priority items.
- Tanya Lingle 446-3905; email: wriglet@fargo.k12.nd.us
- Subscribe to the Eagles calendar online
- I spend my days re-teaching, making plans, having reward time with students. If I call, please don't assume your child is in trouble. I may need your help for planning the next time or want to celebrate a success.

#### **School Safety**

- There will be a security bell on from 8:10-2:42 each day. If you come to school during these hours, ring the bell and an office staff member will assist you.
- Come in to the office to sign our guest book and get a visitor pass. When you leave the building, we need you to sign-out as well.
- If your child is leaving early, come to the office and we will call your student to come to the office with all of their materials.
- Safety of our students is our #1 priority!

### RESPONSIBILITY

Questions for Thought or Discussion I.What responsibilities did you have as a child?

2.What responsibilities does your child have now?

3.What chores should I expect my child to be doing?

### **HOW TO GET STARTED**

**Choose Child-Friendly Chores** Pick up and put away clothes Set the table, clear dishes Make their bed Feed the pet

Prepare your child to do things for themselves...
Put on their own coats, button and unbutton or snap pants & shirts, tie shoes, pack and zip backpacks
Serving up their own food.

- <u>1<sup>st</sup> Day of School—Separation Anxiety</u>
- Prepare your child in advance. Children will have less anxiety if they know what to expect. Talk to your child about your own positive experiences from your first days of school and also what to expect on their own first day.
- Allow your child to participate in any back-to-school activities. Take your child to their classroom and let them explore the room and meet the teacher. Children will feel more comfortable being in a familiar place.
- Allow them to participate in gathering school supplies. Children will feel more excited about school if they are involved in the process of getting prepared for school.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY

- Routines
- Snack break
- Familiarizing students with the layout of the room
- Tour of the school
- Separation anxiety yes and no (2<sup>nd</sup> day <sup>(C)</sup>)
- Bathroom procedures
- Lunchroom procedures

#### **ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL**

- Walk your child to the classroom (only on the first day)
- Allow your child to put his or her coat and school supplies away. This fosters a sense of independence.
- Keep your goodbyes short, then leave. Get your goodbye routine down and stick with it everyday. Reassure your child you love them and that you will see them at the end of the day.

# AFTER THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY

- Ask your child about their day- tell me 3 things that went well and 1 thing that was a challenge. Focus on the positives of the day.
- Recognize that the first day can be stressful because of all of the new people, activities, etc. You may also see a reoccurrence of anxieties after the excitement of the first few days subsides. Reassure your child if he or she is anxious about returning to school.
- Pick a meeting spot outside of the school.

Important date:

Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-7 PM-Back to School Night at Eagles

Ace's Video Tour

Questions?