



# Third Ward Elementary School

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Debra Schmidlen, Principal

Dear Parent(s),

This is a reminder that your child will be attending the Randolph County Outdoor Education Program this coming week on Monday and Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Also, please remember that your child needs to bring to school the things that they are taking to Camp Pioneer on Monday morning. They will probably need to have someone bring them to school as they will be carrying a lot.

On Monday morning, fifth grade students will report with their things to the library and will not be going to their classrooms. Since we will be loading our things and getting on the bus and leaving around 8:10, **there will not be time to eat school breakfast so students will need to eat breakfast at home** that morning. Students need to report to the library no later than 8:10.

On Tuesday, we will leave Camp Pioneer by bus and should arrive at Third Ward on Tuesday afternoon between 3:50 – 4:00 pm. You will need to be there to pick up your child as the buses will have already left. Please be there on time to pick your child up! We will unload on the front sidewalk after the other buses have left. Parents will need to wait until we unload, walk to the front sidewalk and pick up your child up in front of the school after we unload. ***Please make sure you tell your child's homeroom teacher as you take your child. Please do not just take them.*** You will not have to come into the school office to sign them out. Please make arrangements ahead of time and make sure your child knows who is going to pick them up.

If you want your child to go home with someone else, you must send a note in telling us this. We are not allowed to send your child home with someone else unless we have a note from you giving permission for this as well as a note from the parent who will be taking your child home. Please send this note in on Monday morning with your child or give it to their homeroom teacher.

***Also remember, if your child takes any medications, the medications must be in the original container with the instructions filled out on the medicine form we sent home on how much to take and when. Each medication should be in a zip lock bag with your child's name and teacher's name on it. Please only send the amount of medicine they need for the two days.*** If you have not filled out a medicine form that we sent home earlier and sent it in with the emergency care/permission form, please make sure it is folded and in the zip lock bag with the medicine. Just in case there has been a change or your child is taking an additional medication, we are sending home another copy of the medicine form. Please note: If you have not sent in a medicine form with instructions and the original medicine container, we are not allowed to give that medicine.

***Please DO NOT PACK the medicines in with your child's clothing. They need to be separate so your child can hand the medicine in the bag to the homeroom teacher when they get to school on Monday.***

Parents must come to school to pick up any medications the day we return. We are not allowed to send any medicines home with a child.

Just in case you lost the list of things that your child needs, We have made a checklist on the back of this page for you to use. Another copy of the medicine form is attached in case you would need another one.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Gum

# Checklist of Items Needed for the Outdoor Education Program

- ☐ 1 waterproof jacket or heavy duty poncho
- ☐ 1 change of weather appropriate trousers/pants
- ☐ 1 pair of comfortable boots or sturdy shoes
- ☐ 1 extra pair of old shoes to wade in (no flip flops or open toed sandals)
- ☐ 1 windbreaker or jacket
- ☐ 2 garbage bags (to put dirty wet clothes in, etc)
- ☐ personal items (toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, deodorant, shampoo etc.)
- ☐ 1 flashlight with extra batteries
- ☐ 1 bath towel, washcloth, and soap
- ☐ sunscreen
- ☐ sleeping bag or bedding
- ☐ pillow
- ☐ 1 water bottle
- ☐ 2 sharpened pencils
- ☐ 1 small backpack or book bag (an old one as it will get wet and dirty)

Please Note:

PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD PACK **AS COMPACTLY AS POSSIBLE**. They must be able to carry what they bring without help and it must fit through the bus door and be able to be taken on the bus without taking up a lot of space.

Please watch the weather the day before and plan accordingly based on the weather forecast.

Students are **not allowed** to bring electronics of any kind to camp (cell phones, handheld game machines, mp3 players, CD players, radios, etc.).

Students may not bring knives of any kind.

Students may not bring snacks of any kind (unless there is a medical reason listed on the emergency care / medical form).

Students may bring a camera. Students are responsible to keep track of it.

You may want to label all of your child's things with their name in case something gets misplaced.

The Outdoor Education Program is a part of your child's Science Curriculum. Your child should be taking part in this program.