

The ABC'S of Kindergarten

A-Attendance

Please take special note of the attendance policy in the student handbook. Call and let us know if your child will be absent (598-4473). Write a note with the date, reason for absence, and your signature to send in the child's folder upon return.

B-Book Bags

Each child will need a book bag to carry home his/her papers and dragon folder. No storage for rolling book bags is available. Please make sure the book bag is big enough to carry the dragon folder, library books and a jacket in the wintertime.

C-Car Riders

Kindergarten car riders will be dismissed at 2:55-3:00 four days a week. A teacher will walk your child to the front entrance. Please wait for your child just outside the door. Students will not be allowed to leave the building without an adult. **WEDNESDAY dismissal is 1:40-1:45.**

D-Drop-Off

If you drop your child off at the curb in the morning, please be mindful that the doors do not open to students until 8:00. Your child must be in the classroom by 8:15. If your child is tardy please park in the lot and enter the building with your child and ID to fill out a tardy slip.

E-Email

A great way to keep in touch with me is through e-mail. My e-mail address at school is rhonda.sullivan@am.dodea.edu. You may call the school at 598-4473 and leave a message or write a note and put it in your child's dragon folder. Communication will keep us working together.

F-Folders

Each day your child will bring home his/her dragon folder. Please review the work with your child, remove items as needed and return the folder to school the next day. This folder is a lifeline between class and home.

G-Grading

Every nine weeks your child will receive a report card. More information about the report card will be shared during our conference. Check your handbook for the dates the report cards to be are sent home.

H-Homework

Check dragon folders each day for extra homework assignments. **Kindergarteners should review skills for a few minutes each day. This review is a standing daily homework assignment.** This extra practice is imperative for steady progress.

I-Illness

The question of when to keep your child home from school is often a difficult one, especially when decisions must be made first thing in the morning. It is important, however, to keep your child home if he/she is ill. This helps to make them more comfortable and prevents others from becoming ill. Children function more effectively in the classroom when they are healthy and well rested.

J-Join PTA

Fort Rucker has an active Parent-Teacher Association. Meetings and fund raisers will be held throughout the school year. If you are interested more information will be available at a later date.

K-Kindness

Students in our classroom are encouraged and expected to treat all members of our class as well as others with kindness and respect. Unkind, rude, disruptive behavior will not be permitted.

L-Lunch

The school will provide lunch and breakfast for the children who wish to purchase one. Breakfast is served from 8:00-8:15 everyday. The cost for lunch is \$1.75 a day. Breakfast is \$1.00. Milk is available for students with lunchboxes for \$.50. Carbonated drinks or drinks in glass containers are not allowed in the lunchroom.

M-Money

Please send all money in an envelope. Put your child's name, teacher's name, purpose for money, and amount enclosed.

N-Notes

Your child will receive a dragon folder on the first day of school. This is a great place to put your notes for me. Your child will put notes and papers from class in this folder. If your child is going home a different way, please make sure to write a note. If we do not receive a note your child will be sent home their recorded way.

O-Orientation for parents

We will be having a parent conference soon. This will be a time we can come together and discuss the different things your child will be learning this year and how you can help.

P-Parties

We will have parties/snacks through the school year. I will be calling on volunteers to help me with these events. Also, if your child is celebrating their birthday you may bring in cupcakes or cookies for a birthday snack. If you are planning on doing this for your child please let me know a few days before your child's birthday. **NO party invitations will be delivered at school.**

Q-Questions

If you at any time have questions please feel free to contact me. You can contact me at school between the hours of 7:45 and 3:00 at 334 598 4473 or rhonda.sullivan@am.dodea.edu. I may not be able to come to the phone or computer right away but I will call/write you back at my soonest available moment. You and your child are important to me and I think of us as a team.

R-Reading

Kindergarteners should read/be read to for a few minutes each day. This story reading is a standing daily homework assignment. This daily reading will help support a love for reading. Reading also allows quiet moments for students and parents to share.

S-Schedules

Your child will go to Music and Library twice a week. We attend Spanish lessons three times a week. Once a week we will have Guidance. You will receive a daily schedule soon. Students will attend PE classes four days a week. Kindergarten has recess daily as the weather permits. For your child's safety please make sure that he/she wears tennis shoes for PE and recess daily.

T-Toys

Children are asked NOT to bring toys from home. We cannot be responsible for broken or lost toys that are brought to school.

U-"U"

"U" are important in your child's education. You are your child's first teacher. We will continue this learning process together. Review skills for a few minutes each day at home. Read a story each day. Children that have someone read to them become good readers.

V-Volunteers/Visitors

If you choose to volunteer for our classroom, for 'at-home' projects, for field trips, or for parties and snacks please let me know if you did not fill out the forms at open house. Visitors will need to enter with a photo ID, stop at the front desk and receive a pass. Your ID will be returned as you leave the building.

W-Water Bottles

Your child will need a small plain refillable water bottle each day. We will send the bottles home on Friday to be cleaned and returned on Monday. Your child will have time twice each day to refill the bottle if needed.

X-Extra Clothes

It is very important that you send an extra set of clothes in case of a bathroom accident, messy spill or wet playgrounds. This way we do not have to bother you at work or home. Please send the change of clothes in a zip-loc bag with your child's name. This change of clothes will stay in their personal cubby.

Y-Younger Siblings

It is in your child's and the programs best interest to have our parent volunteers available without younger children. This not only allows your full attention to the task for which you are volunteering, but also allows for some special time between you and the students. We will make an effort to let you know in advance to support making childcare arrangements for younger siblings.

Z-ZZZZZs

Make sure your child gets plenty of rest. A kindergarten room is a busy place and you will probably find your child exhausted at the end of the day. Setting and keeping a bedtime is a wonderful gift you can give to your child. It will help them to be alert and ready to learn each day!

Please add this information to your hand book.