

CLASSROOM INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

Grade 1/2 Ms. Pontoriero

1. Children should come to school everyday with a backpack and lunch/lunch money. All belongings should be labeled with the child's name.
2. The children all should be able to attend to their own personal needs, such as buttoning, zipping, tying laces, blowing noses, covering sneezes and coughs. This is for the welfare of everyone in our class, including family members at home.
3. **Snack & Lunch procedures** – Please let your child know what they will be eating for both dessert and lunch. Lunch money and snack money must be sent in an envelope with the child's name and labeled either dessert or lunch (Please print.).
4. The students will be dismissed on the playground. I will not dismiss any student unless I see their parents, babysitter, sibling, etc. The school must be notified in writing of any changes in transportation arrangements. Also, please inform your child of the arrangements to reduce stress.
5. **Birthdays** may be celebrated in school. Please send in a note in advance with your birthday plans and a date for the celebration. I am requesting that a list of ingredients be sent to school at least **two** days in advance. **If I do not receive the list of ingredients in advance, the treat will not be handed out.**

Birthday Invitations- Birthday invitations are not to be given out at school; unless all the children are invited.

6. Every night your child should bring home a homework folder. Inside the folder will be any class work, notices, and homework. Please check and **empty folders** every night.
7. **Homework** – Written homework is given every night except Fridays and long vacations. Children are to read every night. Students will be given a book to read. However, there will be times when a book will not be sent home. In this case, students are expected to select and read a book from their own library at home. All written homework assignments will be marked “HW” and dated, with special directions, if necessary. All homework should be done with adult

supervision. Please check that the homework is completed and remind your child to return it to school.

8. All schoolwork and homework should be done in pencil and/or crayon. Please do not use markers or pens.

9. Math Addition and Subtraction Number Fact Flash cards will be made in class later in the year. Flashcards will be sent home and students should practice them every night.

10. Reading to children is an enjoyable and relaxing experience. Please try to read to/with your child every night, even for just **15 minutes** at bedtime. Ask your child questions about the reading. It is time well spent, as you encourage a love of reading in your young reader. (Please see attached.)

11. Rainy Days - Please have the children bring in a shoebox with old toys and activities, such as coloring books, markers, crayons, games etc. The shoeboxes will be used on days when the children are not permitted to go outside.

12. **Delayed Openings/Early Closings-** On days of delayed openings, the cafeteria will provide lunch. The school will not provide lunch on half days or early closing. On days of an early closing, your child should have an alternate plan of where he/she should go.

13. If you should have any questions, please contact by email milfordpontorierod@yahoo.com.



Dear Parents,

Reading aloud is one of the best ways to foster a love of reading in your child. Listening to stories increases your child's vocabulary and imagination. Read over these suggestions for making the most of your reading-aloud time.

- Part way through the story, stop reading and ask your child what he or she thinks might happen next.
- After you read a story, ask your child to tell you what his or her favorite part was.
- After reading a story, go back and read aloud a part where a character is speaking. Ask your child to tell you which character is speaking.
- Tape-record yourself as you read aloud a favorite story to your child. Then, if you are too busy to read aloud, your child can hear you read the story by listening to the tape.
- Encourage your child to “read” easy books to you. If it is a picture book, have your child tell you about the pictures. Or take turns reading pages or telling about the pictures.
- Encourage your child to read quietly for 10 minutes before going to bed.

Start today to share the joy of reading with your child.

