

SCHOOL Time

We hope these pages will be useful! We have tried to include all the information you may need in Kindergarten! Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have a question. Contact us through our school email or call/text us:

Mrs. Kauling at lkauling@avistonk-8.org or (618)604-8882.

Ms. Winkeler at jwinkeler@avistonk-8.org or (618)791-2369.

School Hours:

The kids arrive at school at 8:05-8:25 a.m. If you are bringing your child to school they must be in the classroom by 8:25. We board the buses at 3:00. The kids who are being picked up or walk home are also dismissed at 3:00. They may be picked up in the cafeteria.

Attendance:

School attendance is extremely important. Kindergarten is a very hands-on learning environment. This makes it hard to send home make-up work. When the kids are not here they miss out on valuable learning experiences.

Lunch:

We have lunch at 11:00 each day. Your child may bring a lunch or eat the school lunch. If packing your child's lunch, we ask that you not pack glass bottles or soda.

Transportation:

Riding the bus can be both exciting and scary for a kindergartner. We want to make this experience a good one. We walk each group of Kindergartners to their destinations or appropriate bus. If your child is going to be picked up, they will walk out with the bus riders and be dropped off at the cafeteria. There is an adult supervising the cafeteria area.

*FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD, you must send a note in your child's

folder regarding ANY changes in the way your child usually goes home from school. If we do not have a note, we must send the child home as he

normally would go. If you do forget to send a note, please call the school immediately. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Folders:

EVERYDAY your child will bring home their Daily Folder. Some nights it will have papers, homework or notes and some nights it may not have anything at all. We need you to check your child's folder every night and send it back to school every day in their backpack. We will check these folders faithfully every morning. If you have anything to send to school, bus notes, office notes, lunch money, etc. please put it in the folder. Please be sure to read over the items in your child's folder. We would greatly appreciate if you remove everything that is in your child's folder every night, so we know you are getting the information that is sent home. This system keeps us organized and makes communication between home and school an easier process.

Birthdays:

We love to celebrate birthdays and encourage you to send a special treat for the whole class to enjoy! We ask that the treat either be a non-food treat bag. We have several children with food allergies so we will not be giving out food items. Please just send me a note a day or two in advance so we can plan to put some special time aside.

Book Orders:

We LOVE book orders! We will send order forms home about once a month. We have an online account that allows you to order and pay online. We will supply the account code with the first order forms. If you prefer to order by the paper order form, we ask that you put it in an envelope with your child's name on it and enclose a check for your order. We usually send multiple forms home, but you can just send one check for the whole amount with the check made out to Scholastic Book Clubs. Ordering also helps us earn free books for our classroom. We always make a big deal about NEW books in our room. We get excited about books and reading and we hope that excitement stays with your child as he/she grows!

Reading Folders:

A little later in the school year, we will begin to send home "reading folders" twice a week. Basically it will be a folder with your child's name on it and inside will be a very simple little book that you can read together at home. There will also be a brief activity for each book. When they bring their folders home, we would like you to read the book to your child, read it with your child, and then let your child read it to you! Be sure to read the book multiple times! Repetition is a part of the learning process. The books are very easy and the kids initially memorize the text, but this is a step in the process of learning how to read! Later on, you can do more little things like ask them to find certain words on a page, find the first and last word on a page, find the longest word or find the shortest word, etc. We will give you more information when the time comes. Please be sure to send the folders with the books and completed forms in them back to school every other day. Another child will need to take the book home the next night. We think you'll find the experience very good for the kids. They begin to feel like readers!

Library:

We will be going to the library once a week. The kids will be able to check out two books. They will be due back the next week. If they do not bring back their old books, they will not be able to get a new one. An easy way to make sure child doesn't forget his/her book is to just simply put it back in their backpack each time you finish reading it. It breaks their hearts when they can't check out a new book. Please help your child learn to be responsible!

Library Day:

- ☐ Ms. Winkeler's class: Tuesday
- ☐ Mrs. Kauling's class: Thursday

Computer Lab:

We will be going to the computer lab once a week. We practice logging into the school's website, practice simple typing skills and review reading and math skills through online games. Your child can access the online games from home via the Aviston Website: www.avistonk-8.org. Your child will be using the headphones that they were asked to bring in.

Computer Day:

- ☐ Mrs. Kauling's class: Tuesday
- ☐ Ms. Winkeler's class: Thursday

Backpacks: Make sure your child brings his/her backpack and folder EVERYDAY. Please check the folder each night and empty the contents. Send all notes, money, etc. to school in the folder.

Toys:

Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school unless they are requested as a part of a special project.

Popcorn Words:

Each month we will learn new sight words that we refer to as These activities are meant to help reinforce skills at home and to help you know what we are working on at school. The Homework Folder should be returned on Friday to enable us to check their work. We will then send it back home on Monday. popcorn words. We call them popcorn words because they "pop" up all the time when we are reading and writing. By the end of the year the kids will have been introduced to at least 90 of these words. Many of the kids internalize these words by using them every day in their writing. When they use them, they LEARN them! In no time they are beginning to read!