

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Aiken Elementary School

2023-2024

Kindergarten Handbook

Dear Parents and Families,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome your children to kindergarten! We are so excited for the opportunity to work with you and your children this year. If at any time you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call, email, or write a note. We will respond as soon as we can!

This handbook will explain some of the general procedures and policies of our kindergarten classes and Aiken Elementary. Please also keep an eye out for information from your child's individual teacher to explain additional procedures for their classroom. Please keep this handbook and the additional information for future reference.

We greatly appreciate your help and look forward to a wonderful year! Again, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by phone, email or written note. Our school number is 803-641-2740.

Thanks for all of your cooperation!

The 5K teachers

Supply List



Aiken Elementary School –Wide Expectations

Each student is expected to follow these expectations throughout the school and throughout each day. They are:

1. Be safe.
2. Be respectful.
3. Be responsible.

Aiken Elementary/Communication Folders

Each student will be provided with an Aiken Elementary/ Communication Folder that will be sent home with them daily. It is very important for your child to come to school with their folder each day. The folder will hold any important information from the classroom and school for you to see.

Absences

When your child is absent, please send a written excuse when your child returns to school. Please put the note in your child's Communication Folder. Make up work can be sent home or your child can complete it when they return. Your child must have a written excuse for their absence to be excused. Please refer to the school and district policies for returning to school after experiencing symptoms of sickness. For the health and safety of everyone, please do not send children to school if they are not feeling well!

Transportation

Car riders are picked up on the pink side (using Pine Log) or the blue side (using the Bypass). Please note that school dismisses at 2:30. Please display your child's name on your dash. If your child will be going home a different way than what is written on their registration form, a note must be sent stating how they will go home. Phone calls and email will not be accepted for transportation changes. All changes must be made in writing or by fax (803-641-2526). If it is a bus change, you must include an address. Your child's first and last name, their teacher's name, the date and your signature must

Breakfast and Lunch Information

Aiken Elementary offers free breakfast and lunch each day. Each class is given 25 minutes for lunch. If your child brings a lunch, please be sure they can open items with minimal assistance. Please do not send items that need to be heated in the microwave or refrigerated. Also, sodas or soft drinks should not be brought to school by the students. Healthy lunches are strongly encouraged.

Food and Treats

Any food or treats sent to school should be store-bought with the ingredients listed. We have children with various food allergies and this is for their protection. Fresh fruits and vegetables are always welcome. If cupcakes are sent in, please send mini-cupcakes rather than full-size. Cupcakes and other classroom treats will be eaten at the end of the day.

Invitations

Due to our district's policy, we are unable to send invitations home with students for classmate's parties unless every student receives one. Please see your child's teacher about getting contact information for your child's classmates, if needed.

Interim Reports and Report Cards

Interims and report cards are both issued 4 times a year to keep you informed of your children's progress. Interims will be sent home on 8/24, 11/13, 2/6 & 4/29. Report cards will be sent home on 10/20, 1/10, 3/18 & 6/6.