**Welcome to Team Monster**

**Beginning of the Year Classroom Information**

**Notes from Home** - All notes from home should go in the “Notes from Home” basket in our Welcome Center. (This way notes will not get set down and misplaced in the rush of getting the day started.) Please try to make sure that your child’s name is on all papers that are sent/returned to school.

**Lunch Money** – Lunch calendars are sent home monthly and lunch may be purchased for $2.75. Milk is available to purchase for $.35. If you send money to school, please put it in a ziploc bag with your child’s name and it should go in the “Notes from Home” basket.

**Snack Calendar** - One monster will be assigned to bring in snacks for the entire class (27 monsters) on a rotating calendar. Keep in mind snack time will be a short break so shouldn’t be too big or difficult to eat. Please refrain from sending candy or anything with too much sugar or chocolate. **We have a SEVERE ALLERGY in C2 this year**, we cannot have any SEASME, PEANUT, or NUT products in C2. It is critical that all food labels be checked for allergy information. **(A separate snack note will be sent.)**

Snack Suggestions:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Fruit | Target Brand Fruit Snacks | Graham Crackers |
| Applesauce (squeezie is best) | Rold Gold Pretzels | Pepperidge Farms Goldfish |
| Gogurt | Annie's cheddar bunnies |  |

**Labels must be checked every time, other brands are acceptable as long as they do not have sesame, peanuts, or tree nuts in the ingredients or proceeded in a safe facility.**

**\*\*Parents need check with Nikki Amey regarding questionable ingredients and must check with her before any homemade snacks are sent in she would like to review the ingredients and give approval. You can contact her at** [**namey8@gmail.com**](mailto:namey8@gmail.com) **or 248.462.3519.**

**Down Time** - We will have a short quiet time every day after lunch. We will do very quiet activities in our room during that time. No items need to be sent in for this time, no blankets or stuffed animals.

**Lockers** – Each child will share a locker with another Monster. Each Monster will have space for their backpack, their coat, and a set of spare clothes.

**Birthdays** - Birthday invitations can only be sent home from class, if the entire class is invited. If only a small group is invited, invitations need to be sent in the mail. If the entire class is invited Monster Thomas will attend as well. Due to our allergies this year we are going to with a treat-free celebration system. Monsters can bring in a crafty/project that we can do or a parent can be the guest reader that day. They will get a birthday crown from me and choose a birthday book that we read that day as well!

**Playdates** - Children will only be allowed to go home with another child, if I have received a note. **\*\*\*Transportation will not allow children to go home on different buses.\*\*\*** I strongly encourage you to add your name, number and email to our playdate list. This list will be copied and sent home to all families in our class, so that you can set up playdates outside of school.

**Spare Clothes** – Each Monster should keep **a change of clothes here at school** in case of any emergencies. Place them in a plastic bag with their name on it to store in their locker.

**Supply Donations** – Please check out our classroom supply donation link on our classroom website.

**Water Bottles** - Please send a Water Bottle, with a secure top, to be used throughout the day. Please make sure your child’s name is on it. **Please do not send in juice**. We do make a few trips to the water fountain, but this way your child can drink whenever they are thirsty.

\*\*\*I will post information about Homefun and Book Orders on our website this week.\*\*\*

**It is going to be a great school year!!!**

**SEPTEMBER IMPORTANT DATES**

For Team Monster

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Date/Time** | **Event** |
| Tuesday, September 8th - 8:30-10:00AM | First Day Celebration in the Gym |
| Saturday, September 12th | Health Fair and Mom’s to Mom’s Sale |
| Tuesday, September 15th- 6:30 & 7:30PM | 1st PAC/Open Classroom/PTA Meeting |
| Friday, September 18th | Family Fun Day & District Character Day |
| Friday-Sunday, September 25-27th | Ferndale DIY Street Fair |
| Thursday, September 22nd 6:30-8:00PM | Curriculum Night - Parents Only |
| Wednesday, October 7th | Picture Day |

I will post newsletters in the Newsletter section of our classroom website. I will send an email to let you know when the website has been updated. **No hard copies will be sent home unless you have requested this.**  I will do my best to let you know all the great things we are learning in class. Please make sure you look through your child’s bag **nightly** and clear out notes and assignments.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Bell Times:** | **1st Bell**-7:55AM | **Tardy Bell** – 8:00AM | **Dismissal Bell**-3:20PM (2:50 on Early Release Mondays) |

**The 1st Day of Kindergarten**- Bring your cameras!

* Place all items in your locker
* Complete Classroom Scavenger Hunt with your child
* Mark how your child will be going home for the first week
* As your child feels comfortable, please say your goodbyes and leave us to begin our day and get to know each other better (Please try to be out of our room by 8:30AM at the latest).
* *Parents please stop by the first day celebration in the Gym 8:30*-10:00 AM

**Helping Your Child Enter School Independently (if needed)**

* 1st Week – Parents may drop monsters off at our door (September 8-11th)
* 2nd Week – Parents may walk monsters to the beginning of the hallway (September 14-18th)
* 3rd Week – Parents may walk monsters to the inside front door (September 21-25th)
* 4th Week – Parents should be dropping monsters off in the Kiss-N-Go Lane (September 28th)

**Curriculum Night**

* Parents Only
* Tuesday, September 22nd 6:30-8:00PM
* More Classroom specific information
* Kindergarten Curriculum information

I look forward to working with you this year

Mr. Mike Thomas ☺

micahel.thomas@ferndaleschools.org

Roosevelt - 248. 548.1950 - Voicemail - (1616)

<http://teammonsterc2.weebly.com>