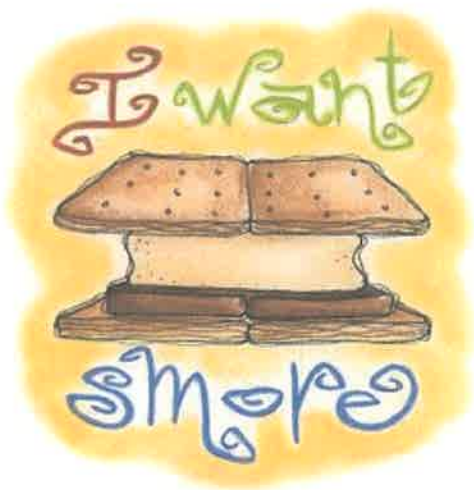


The ABC's of Camp Learn S'more



A is for Attendance, Absences, Arrival, and Allergies

Attendance – Regular attendance in school is a key factor to successful achievement.

Absences – Always send a note for the office. Please plan family vacations during our scheduled breaks. It is hard for your child to make up work missed in school since most work is hands-on and is done in class.

Arrival – School begins at 7:55. Students will be marked tardy if he/she arrives in the classroom after 8:03.

B is for Behavior, Birthdays, Backpack, Book-It and Bus

Behavior – Our classroom is a safe and happy place where lots of learning happens. We are a classroom family where teamwork and good relationships are expected. We will spend time learning class procedures and practicing them. Students are responsible for their own behavior.

- Listen to your teacher and classmates.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Be kind: share, help, use kind words
- Follow directions,
- Try to solve problems by yourself: Ask 3 then me; Talk to a friend or an adult.

Birthdays – You are welcome to send in birthday treats to help celebrate your child's special day. The food must be store bought and packaged individually for each student. There are 11 students. Typically, we celebrate birthdays in the afternoon. Summer birthdays will be celebrated in June.

Backpacks – Your child should bring in a backpack each day.

Bus – Please see transportation.

C is for Calendar, Clothing, Communication, and Conferences

Calendar – Each month you will receive a calendar from me stating important events and when our specials are.

Clothing – Please dress your child in comfortable clothing appropriate for the weather and recess. Please be cautious about footwear. As cute as sandals and flip-flops are, they are not the best choice for climbing on our playground equipment.

Communication – please let me know if you have ANY concerns or questions regarding your child throughout the year. We will work together as partners to help your child have a successful first grade year. I can be reached at klivingston@polandcsd.org or you can send in a note or leave a message at the office or on my voice mail.

Conferences – We have a fall conference to discuss your child's progress in school. If you want additional conferences, please let me know.

D is for Discipline and Dismissal

Discipline – All students have the right to a safe and undisturbed experience for learning. I promote a positive family atmosphere in our classroom by modeling appropriate behaviors, having class meetings, and setting limits/classroom rules. Children are responsible for their behavior choices. If a behavior choice is not acceptable they will have a consequence. Some consequences may include: discussion, "think time", a behavior plan, speaking to a counselor or administrator, and contacting parents.

Dismissal – Dismissal is at 2:20. Please make sure a note has been sent to school for any dismissal changes.

E is for E-Mail

E-Mail – You can e-mail me at klivingston@polandcsd.org.

F is for Field Trips

Field Trips – This will be determined at a later date.

G is for Gym

Gym – P.E. is every B Day. Sneakers are the best choice for P.E. Please help your child at home with tying their sneakers. You might consider having your child wear sneakers to school until he/she is successful with tying their sneakers.

H is for Homework and Help Notes

Homework – Students will homework if work was not completed in class. If a child is absent or has been on vacation, the missed work will be on your child's desk upon returning to school.

Help Notes – Periodically throughout the year, I will send home a "help note" indicating an item needed to be donated for a particular activity. Your donations will help make our learning experiences interesting and fun! I really appreciate your support.

M is for Money

Money – You will need to send in money to school for various things – lunches, pictures, book orders, etc. Please send all money to school in a sealed envelope. On the outside of the envelope please write:

Child's name

Mrs. Livingston

Purpose and amount of money

N is for Newsletter and Nightly Reading

Newsletter – Hikers' Headlines will be sent home every 5th day of school. It contains information regarding reading, math and upcoming events.

Nightly Reading – Nightly Reading is very important. This is excellent practice to build fluency and to reinforce the sight words we are learning. This is your child's chance to "show off" their reading skills to parents, relatives and friends! Students may read the stories from Superkids Online, the fluency passages and word lists that come home, stories from your own collection, the library, and their own written stories they have created.

P is for Parent Involvement and Parties

Parent Involvement – Parent involvement is essential! Your support of school activities makes your child feel important and sends the message that you value school!

Parties – Our class will have two parties – Christmas and Valentine's Day. A note will come home asking for a certain item(s).

R is for Restrooms

Restrooms – Your child is allowed to go whenever needed before or after direct instruction unless it is an emergency. I remind children to go before lunch and specials.

S is for Show and Tell, Star Camper, and Specials

Show and Tell – See Star Camper. We do not have formal Show and Tell.

Star Camper – Starting in January, each child will have an opportunity to be Star Camper for the week. As Star Camper, your child will share a poster about themselves. The poster will be sent home about a week before it needs to come back to school. This is a great self-confidence opportunity. Your child may bring a special item to share with classmates

(something that will fit in their backpack). The poster and item to share should come in to school on Monday. Please have your child practice what he/she will say prior to their day. More information will come home.

Specials – Reported on the monthly calendar. Please note that if there is a snow day, the special we were supposed to have on the snow day will take place on the day we return to school.

T is for Toys and Transportation

Toys – No toys are to be brought to school. This eliminates lost or broken toys.

Transportation – I need to know your child's daily transportation home. If there is a change in the normal routine, I **MUST** have a note. I cannot accept a verbal change from your child. If there is a last-minute change, you can contact the office prior to dismissal time.

W is for Water Bottles and Web Site

Water Bottles – Your child should bring in a filled water bottle each day.

Web Site – This site contains various information and pictures of activities that have taken place at school.