

# Mrs. Bussie's & Ms. Struble's Classroom Information



Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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**\*\*Please keep this packet to refer to throughout the year\*\***

# School Information

## Pick Up & Drop Off

Our school day begins at 7:55 each day and ends at 3:10. Doors to the building will be open at 7:40 each morning for students to enter, and they will be reporting to their classroom at 7:50.

## Absence

Please make sure to call or email us as well as the Harvest office (842-6161 or [harvestattendance@deforestschoools.org](mailto:harvestattendance@deforestschoools.org)) if your child will be absent. If your child is absent for multiple days, please feel free to contact us and we can get together some of the work your child has missed to be picked up in the school office so that they do not get too far behind. If your child comes late or leaves early for any reason, be sure to sign him/her in and out at the office. If you know your child has a planned absence for one or multiple days, please request a pre-arranged absence form from the office.



## Lunch/Recess

We have a 40 minute combined lunch and recess each day. Students will be dismissed from lunch to go directly to recess. Recess will be outdoors unless it is raining or below zero. Please send appropriate clothing for the weather and label all outdoor clothing items with your child's name.



## Medical Necessities

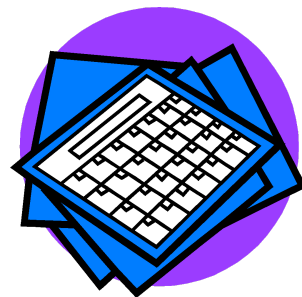
Please contact the school nurse, Amanda Beyerl, (842-6120, [abeyerl@deforestschoools.org](mailto:abeyerl@deforestschoools.org)) if your child will need to take any medication at school (including medications for allergies or asthma or non-prescription medication). All medications require a medication form to be on file. Please let us know of any other important medical necessities your child may have.



# Classroom Information

## Daily Schedule

A daily schedule is posted in our classroom, on our classroom website, and a copy has been sent home for your reference. Please keep this, as it is always helpful for scheduling appointments or to know what days we have fitness so that your child can be prepared by dressing appropriately



## Classroom Management

During the first weeks of school, the students will discuss the classroom expectations in each of their classes. We follow the PBIS rules of Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. In addition, we take a Responsive Classroom approach in our classrooms. We work hard to build a strong classroom community to help engage students in academics while having fun and maintaining high expectations. In most cases when behavior expectations are not followed, we will give a student a verbal reminder about appropriate behavior. Additional reminders about disruptive or inattentive behavior may result in a student/teacher conference, meeting with a principal or student advocate, or loss of privilege. If disrespectful behaviors continue or we have a major behavior concern, we will communicate that to you.



## Homework

In 4th grade we strive for students to not have any homework so that their time at home can be dedicated to their other activities and family time. Ample time will be given in class to complete any extra practice. However, students who choose not to use their class time in an appropriate manner may be asked to bring work home to finish. It is recommended that students read a minimum of 20 minutes each night and practice math facts and spelling or vocabulary words as needed.



## Grading

At Harvest Intermediate, we are using standards-based grading. This means that grades will reflect student progress toward **end of year** 4th grade standards. We will utilize the following grading scale: Emerging (EM), Developing (DV), Meets Expectations (ME), and Exceeds Expectations (EX). If you have additional questions about the district grading scale please don't hesitate to ask.

## Take Home Folders

Take Home Folders will go home every Friday. **Folders should be emptied over the weekend and returned to school on Monday.** While we do try to be "paperless" as much as possible, there are often important notes that get sent home in these folders. In addition, we will be sending home student work. Looking over this work is another great way for you to see your child's progress.

## Snack

Students are welcome to bring a **healthy** snack from home to eat. A list of healthy snack ideas has been sent home and is also posted on our class website. Students are not to bring food and leave it in the classroom, but rather they should bring in one serving of their snack on days that they want one. We also encourage you to send a water bottle to school with your child to keep him/her hydrated throughout the day. Please do not send juice, sports drinks, or soda.



## Newsletter

Each Friday we will post an update in Parent Square with any important information that you may need to know about the happenings in our classrooms. In addition, we will include a Week at a Glance. This will give a general outline of what we are doing in class each day of the following week as well as important upcoming dates.



## Literacy

The ELA curriculum we use is Amplify CKLA. This curriculum walks us through 7 exciting units--Personal Narrative, Empires of the Middle Ages, Poetry, Eureka (Student Inventor), Geology, The American Revolution, and Treasure Island. Our spelling lists consist of morphology and content words. We will strive to be knowledgeable in fluency, comprehension, strong background knowledge, vocabulary, language structure, verbal reasoning, and other literary knowledge. We will be learning in a whole group, small group, partnership, and individual capacities.

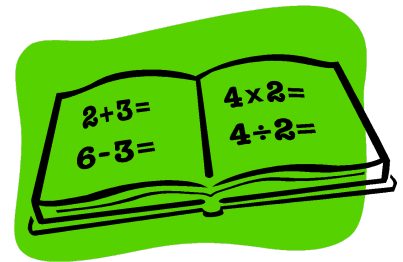


## Book Orders

To further promote literacy, we will send home Scholastic book orders throughout the year. Orders can be placed online! Information about this will be sent home with the book orders. All orders will be "held" until the due date, when we will submit them. Books will be delivered to school and handed out to your child. If you'd ever like for the books to be a surprise for your child, just let us know and we will let you know when they arrive so that you may pick them up in the school office.

## Math

Our daily math lessons will include whole group, small group, and individual work. On average we will explore a new mathematical concept each week. As the week goes we will move from basic to more in depth. Family letters will be linked in our Week at a Glance at the start of each new lesson so that you can see what we are working on and how we are approaching new problems.



## Science and Social Studies

We will alternate between science and social studies units throughout the year. In Science, students will learn about how the human body works, plant and animal adaptations, geology, sound, and energy. Social Studies will include the study of government, Wisconsin state history and geography, mapping, early Wisconsin people, and explorers.



**We are looking forward to a great year!**