

The A B C's Of Room 1 Mrs. Gulden



Arrival and Attendance- Kindergarten students should arrive at school between 7:30 and 7:50. **School begins at 7:55.** They will wait outside until the bell rings (at 7:50) unless eating breakfast. Please plan to attend school **every day on time**, except in cases of illness or emergency!

Absence- If your child is ill, please call the school office (355-3925) before 7:50. A doctor's note may be required for some absences.

Art- Students will participate in two 30 minute art classes per week. Our art teacher is Mrs. Spicer.



Birthday Invitations- Please **do not** send birthday party invitations to be distributed at school. This is a district policy. A school directory of addresses will be created for this purpose.

Per district policy, **students can no longer bring birthday treats which are unhealthy food items.** Thank you for understanding.

Breakfast- Breakfast is served between 7:30 and 7:50.



Cool Tools- As part of our district's PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) behavior management system, our school and classroom rules are referred to as Cool Tools.

Conferences- Family teacher conferences are held two times a year. We will meet in October and March. We can also meet/chat anytime you may have questions or concerns.

Community Connection Partner- Sheriff Chip Meister serves as our Kindergarten Classroom Connection partner. He has served in this role for several years, and we love for children to have positive interactions with law enforcement officials!



Dismissal- Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 2:55 (12:55 on Wednesdays).

The students who ride the bus will line up outside the front doors in appropriate bus lines. There will be teachers there to supervise the children while they wait to get on their buses.

The students who are picked up will also exit from the front doors of the building. Vehicles are **not permitted** to enter the semi-circle driveway in front of the school at dismissal time. Students not picked up by 3:05/3:10 will be waiting in the office. If pick up/bus plans change, we **MUST** have an email or call from home and contacting us early in the day is best.



Emergencies- Please make sure we have the correct emergency information on file for your child. If phone numbers/addresses change, you can call or send a note so your child's file can be updated!

Email- You can contact me at egulden@barabooschools.net. I will check my email daily.



Field trips- We will go on some spring field trips this year. We love volunteers to attend with us. More information will be forthcoming as the field trip timelines get closer.

F.I.S.H. Binders- Each Friday your child will be bringing home a F.I.S.H. Binder (Family Involvement Starts Here). The binder will include: a bi-weekly newsletter, your child's weekly work, important papers for your family, etc... Please return the binder to school on Mondays.



Guidance- Bi-weekly we will have guidance lessons with Mrs. Carney, our school counselor. She will visit our classroom and work on concepts such as friendship, emotional health, and making safe choices.

Gym- We have physical education class three times a week with Ms. Faylona. Please be sure your child has gym shoes on these days.

P.E. shoes may be kept at school as well if this is easier. I highly encourage this, so appropriate footwear is not forgotten~especially in winter when boots are worn.



Homework- Your child will have optional nightly activities they can practice. These are meant to be short review activities, and will be adjustable based on your child's readiness level.

Health- Please let me know if your child has any allergies. If your child has any other health concerns I need to be aware of, please let me know. Our school nurse is Ms. Brescia. Her office is at the High School. We also have another health professional who spends some time at our G.L.W. school building.



Instructional Assistants- There are lots of faces to know in kindergarten. We are fortunate to have a large number of paraprofessional assistants helping us within our classroom and at school.



Journaling and Writing- Strategies that will be used to help convey the vital concept that "print conveys meaning" is the frequent use of journaling and writing. Kindergarteners combine their emergent writing skills with their drawing skills. As the children are exposed to a variety of phonics and reading experiences, their writing will move from drawing and "inventive" spelling toward more conventional writing. Please keep in mind that "kid spelling" is just great, especially at the beginning of our school year.



Kindness- Students in our classroom are encouraged and expected to treat all members of our class and school building with kindness and respect!



Lunch- We eat lunch each day at 11:20. Each student will have a lunch account which will "hold" breakfast and lunch money. The food service department will remind you when your lunch account is low. The school district also offers free and reduced lunch for families that qualify.

Library- The children will enjoy library time once each week. Mrs. Jaynes will teach them important library skills and read them stories. They will also check out books to take home and return. A new book(s) will not be checked out until the previous book is returned.



Music- Our music teacher is Mrs. Sorenson. Kindergarteners have music class twice a week where they will explore a variety of music genres, instruments, and movement.

Movement- We change activities very often in our kindergarten classroom. Being "bored" isn't even an option :-)



Newsletter - A classroom newsletter is sent home on a regular basis to keep you informed of what we are learning along with upcoming and exciting happenings at our school!

A G.L.W. school newsletter is also shared online monthly including information for all of our G.L.W. Wildcats.



Outside- Your child will go outside if the weather permits. Please make sure your child wears appropriate clothing. Please be aware when buying shoes, boots, coats, and snow pants that children need to be able to independently get on their outside clothing. Rainy weather and below zero temperatures are the exception to recess times outside. Please label all of your child's outdoor gear.



Parent Involvement- Your support of school activities makes your child feel important and sends the message that you value school. You sharing your love of school and learning will help your child to love school and learning too!

Principal- Our principal is Mrs. Sarah Brings. She is very knowledgeable and is excited to be working with your child this year. She loves to pop into our classroom to spend time with the kids!



Questions- Please feel free to contact school with any questions and concerns you may have. You may reach me at 355-3925 Ext. 7101 or via email at egulden@barabooschools.net



Reading- We would love for students to read at home every night! This includes independent reading, reading together, and adult/sibling read alouds.

Restrooms- Please send an extra set of clothing for your child to wear including: pants, shirt, socks, and underwear. Accidents/spills do happen.

Report Cards- Report cards and progress reports will be available throughout the year to report your child's progress. I will be in touch with your family in between these reporting times as well in regard to your child's academic and social skills.



Snacks- The children enjoy a class snack each morning. Please send in a **store purchased, nut free, healthy snack** to share with the class. Plan on sending in a snack approximately once a month.

Secretary- Our secretary (administrative assistant) is Mrs. Parsons. She is here to help us everyday from 7:30 to 3:30. She can answer many of your questions. If your child's after school plans change during the day, please call and let Mrs. Parsons know so we get your child to the right place.
608-355-3925

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Shoes- Please send your child to school in appropriate footwear. Rubber soled tennis shoes are best.

Dress shoes, sandals, and flip flops are not appropriate for the playground.



Toys- Bringing toys to school is discouraged for a number of reasons. Most importantly for the child, lost or broken toys can result in hurt feelings. Please make sure your child leaves all toys at home. (The exception will only be on specific show and tell days- more information regarding show and tell days will come home soon.)

Treats - As part of a new district policy, **students can no longer bring birthday treats which are unhealthy food items.** Thank you for understanding.



Uppercase and lowercase- Make sure that your child uses correct capitalization and letter formation when writing. It is important for your child to start at the top of the letter and write downward.



Volunteers- We LOVE to have volunteers at our school, and we are excited to welcome volunteers once again this school year. **School visitors will be required to show identification and check in/out in the school office.**



Website- Baraboo Schools website is www.baraboo.k12.wi.us. You will find useful information on the website. The school calendar and lunch menus can be found on this site.

We also have a classroom website: <https://sites.google.com/baraboo.schools.net/mrsgulden/home>



We are eXcited to work with You and Your child this year! Make sure he/she gets plenty of Zzzz's each night as we have exciting days planned for this year!

