

## FAQ's and Answers for Kindergarten Parents at Ekstrand

### \* **Do I have to stop at the office when I come?**

- At this time, no visitors are being allowed in the school. Please call the office once you arrive to pick up your child and he/she will be sent out.

### \* **What time does school start and end?**

- Students can enter their classroom starting at 7:50. The school day begins at 8:00.

- Dismissal is at 3:00.

- No K-3 students will enter through the front door **between 7:50 and 8:00 a.m.** Each grade level will have an assigned entrance. Kindergarten's entrance is door 4.

*Note: There is supervision of students before school starting at 7:25. Please keep the students off the school grounds until 7:25. There will also be no supervision of students on the playground after dismissal time.*

### \* **When is breakfast served at school?**

- Breakfast will be at 7:25. Your child will be let in the building by a teacher. They need to let the teacher on duty outside know that they need to eat breakfast. If they don't let the teacher know they need to go to breakfast, it will be too late to send them once they come to the classroom.

### \* **Does my child need to bring a backpack everyday?**

- Yes! Your child will be bringing a red folder home with important papers. Have your child share the contents of their backpack with you DAILY and make it a special routine. Return the red folder in your child's book bag **the next day**. PLEASE DO NOT LET YOUR CHILD BRING TOYS TO SCHOOL!

### \* **What is the best way to send money to school?**

- Please send all money/checks in an envelope labeled with their name and what the money is for. Please DO NOT send loose money in your child's backpack or folder.

### \* **Does my child need to bring P.E. shoes to store at school?**

- No. P.E. shoes will not be stored at school. We ask that your child wear appropriate shoes each P.E. day. Students *do not* have time to change their shoes. P.E. days are noted on each teacher's calendar.

### \* **Parent/School Communications**

- Adequate and clear communication between school and home is essential for the success of students. Parents should feel free to call or email teachers about student progress or other situations of concern. Your child will be bringing a red folder home with important papers. Have your child share the contents of their backpack with you DAILY and make it a special routine.

**\* How are birthdays celebrated?**

- At this time, no birthday treats or snacks are to be brought to school.
- Birthday invitations may only be passed out in the classroom **if the entire class is invited. Otherwise invitations should be mailed.**

**\* How do I contact parents of my child's friends?**

- Just let the classroom teacher know and she will help you make contact.

**\* Where do I get a lunch menu?**

- You can find lunch menus in the office. You can also print one from the district website: at <http://www.cd-csd.org>. Click on the "utensils" in the upper right corner.
- At this time, no parents/visitors are allowed to eat lunch at school.

**\* What do I do if I need to change my child's routine after school?**

- You need to **call** the school office as soon as possible to make a change in your child's dismissal. **Please do not just email your child's teacher.** We may not have time to read it before the end of the day. You can also write a note, signed and dated, and send it in your child's bookbag. **We are not able to accept a verbal dismissal change from your child.**

**\* Who can pick up my child from school?**

- You must notify the office if there is a change in how your child leaves the building. Otherwise we will follow their normal routine. We cannot let family/friends take students from school without parental or guardian permission.

**\* How/when do I let the teacher/school know when my child will be absent from school?**

- Call Ekstrand at 563-659-0750. - Email the secretaries, Angie and Allison at [angie.herington@cd-csd.org](mailto:angie.herington@cd-csd.org) AND [allison.swanson@cd-csd.org](mailto:allison.swanson@cd-csd.org)
- **Please DO NOT just email the teacher. There are times when teachers are out of the building and may not get the message until later in the day.**

**\* When should I keep my child home from school?**

- It is important, however, to keep your child home if he/she is ill. This helps to make them more comfortable and prevents others from becoming ill.
- All students and staff are asked to self screen prior to entering the school building. Please take your child's temperature before school. Keep them home if it is 100.4 or above or they are exhibiting any of the following symptoms: fever, chills, body aches, vomiting, diarrhea, cough/shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose, new loss of taste or smell, or new rash.

**\* Will my child have homework?**

- YES! Daily reading and sight word practice is family homework. The reading goal for kindergarten students is to read or listen for 100 minutes per month (7 - 10 minutes each

night). If students have older siblings who are reading aloud, kindergarten students may count those minutes! Questions about homework should be directed to the classroom teacher.

**\* Emergency Situations**

- If the school must be evacuated, Ekstrand will evacuate to the DeWitt Fitness Center. Reunification point is Evangelical Free Church.

**\*How will my child participate in virtual learning?**

- We will be using a platform called Seesaw to share work and communicate with families. Your child's teacher will send information on how to join. Please join your child's classroom account right away!

**Taken out for this year....**

**\* I want to be a volunteer. What do I need to do?**

- Fill out the required paperwork so a background check can be completed. **This paperwork has to be turned in to the building you are wanting to volunteer** and the background check has to be cleared before you can volunteer in the classroom or be a part of any field trips. Paperwork can be found on the district website or in the office at Ekstrand. If you think at any time you want to volunteer or go on a field trip, please have the background check done right away.

**\* Do I have to stop at the office when I come?**

- School policy states that you must present your driver's license when you arrive at school. The secretaries will keep it in a safe place until you checkout.