



MERCER'S MAILBOX



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Welcome Back!

Transportation

- Car Riders may be dropped off at our classroom door at 7:30 a.m. **Please do not drop your child off early, or leave him/her unattended while waiting.** Teachers will bring students out at 3:10 p.m. for pick up. Parents may wait on the benches outside our rooms labeled "parent pick up". Our learning time is very important; please do not enter our classroom before the door is opened for dismissal.
- Please *do not* drop off or pick up students at the back entrance. This entrance is intended for buses and handicapped students.
- **If your child's method of transportation changes, please call the elementary office.** Do not ask bus drivers or teachers to pass information on. Information that is received orally is easily forgotten or confused. Notes are also easily misplaced by little ones. Classroom phones will automatically go to voicemail during the school day.
- **An adult must walk out** to meet the bus during pick-up and drop-off. Please be ready, as our routes are timed and drivers do not have time to wait and honk.
- Only individuals listed on your child's release form will be allowed to pick him/her up. Anyone picking your child up must be able to provide identification.



Food

- Breakfast is provided at 8:00 a.m. and lunch is provided at 11:00 a.m. (*new time). Breakfast is optional for all students. Your child may bring a sack meal from home for lunch, or eat a cafeteria tray. Free and Reduced lunch forms are available in the elementary office.
- Please send in a snack containing individually wrapped portions that can be shared among 15 students at the beginning of each month.
- If your child has a birthday during the school year and you would like to send treats with them or drop off treats during the day please keep the following in mind. Do not send cakes that need to be cut or drinks that need to be poured. It is much easier to serve cupcakes or cookies and drinks in individual packages.

Both of our PEEP classes are now Full Day Programs!!!!

Students earn “Dojo Points” for good behavior in our classroom. We will count points each Friday and go to our class store to purchase prizes. A certificate will be sent home letting you know how many points were earned, and what your child spent his/her points on. Dojo points are also earned as a class for working as a team. When the class reaches 100 points we have a large reward such as a pizza party or field trip to the park.



- Your child’s Scholastic My Big World with Clifford Weekly Reader will be provided free of charge this year.
- Please take time to read your child’s student handbook available at the district web-site. Our class site is listed under elementary school-class pages-peep class page. www.newburg.k12.mo.us
- Students may bring in a small beach towel and pillow to use during our rest time. Please do not send in mats, as they do not fit well in our cubbies.

Daily Folder

Your child will bring home a daily folder. Please empty its contents nightly and initial the attendance calendar block for that day. The folder should be returned to school each day. Students that have perfect attendance for the week and remember to have their folder signed daily receive a reward on Friday.

Sending Money to School

When sending money to school, please send the money in an envelope marked with your child’s name, PEEP, the amount enclosed, and the purpose of the money. We do not accept checks for book orders or field trips.

Attendance

For maximum benefit from the instructional program, regular attendance and being on time for class are necessary. Regardless of whether the absence is "excused" or "unexcused", students who miss more than 10 days in a year, except under extenuating circumstances approved by the principal, may be dismissed from the PEEP program.