

For Grapevine 12-1-17

### Message from the Principal

Welcome to December! I would like to take time to thank all of our students, parents, teachers, and staff for making this a very good and positive first semester of the school year. It takes a lot of great people to make our grade school welcoming, safe, and successful. I truly believe I am surrounded by great students, teachers, staff, and families. I appreciate the time you have allowed me to work with you as we grow to learn together and make positive strides every day. Before we know it, we'll be at Christmas break and able to enjoy the well deserved time away from school before we begin again in January. I ask our students to continue to give their best effort during our last 3 weeks before Christmas.

Parents and guardians, please allow me to provide a few friendly reminders about the school day and the importance of your communications with Mrs. Tammy Payne in the front office and our teachers. Students need to be in their classroom and ready to learn by 8:am. School is dismissed at 3:35pm. Please contact Mrs. Payne in the front office promptly if your child is sick or absent. If you need to pick up your child before dismissal, please contact Mrs. Payne in advance (preferably in the morning) so we can make arrangements with your child's teacher with plenty of advance notice. The teachers will have your children ready to go when you arrive at the school for your mid-day appointments. Our teachers will continue to work hard to prepare any lessons that your child may miss in advance if we receive reasonable advance notice. When the three o'clock hour approaches, I want to ensure our students remain focused on their learning. The teachers work hard to utilize every minute of the day school day to teach the children; please help them by providing them every opportunity to teach the students until the end of day bell.

The end of the school day at dismissal is an exciting time for our students and families. It is also a very important time for our teachers and staff to provide children a safe and supervised transition from the classroom to you. I ask all family members for your continued help as I thank you for waiting for your children near the front office entry. Unless Mrs. Payne indicates that it is okay for you to walk down to your child's classroom, please continue to allow your children to meet you at the top of the hallway near the front office.

Thank you for allowing me and all of our teachers and staff to be a part of your child's education. We look forward to sharing the month of December in school with your children!

In partnership with you,

Mr. Kevin Hedrick, Principal