

September 2009

IMPORTANT DATES

September 1 & 2.....First Day of School
September 7.....Labor Day holiday (no school)
September 24.....Early Release Day for 2x4 and Transition (12:30)
September 28.....Teacher Workday (no school)

Dear Parents,

We are so excited about this new school year. Here is the schedule for this week:

Schedule for the first week of school--Sept. 1-4, 2009

Transition.....Tues.-Fri.....Full day 9:00-1:00.....Carpool and Lunch

5x4.....Tues.....Short day 9:10-11:10.....No Carpool
5x4.....Wed.-Fri.....Full day 9:10-12:10.....Carpool

3x4.....Wed.....Short day 9:00-11:00.....No Carpool
3x4.....Fri.....Full day 9:00-12:00.....Carpool

2x4.....Tues.....Short day 9:00-11:30.....No carpool & no lunch
2x4.....Thur.....Full day 9:00-1:00...Carpool (after school) and lunch

3x3.....Wed.Short day 9:15-10:45.....No carpool
3x3.....Fri.....Short day 9:15-10:45.....After school carpool

2x3.....Tues. & Thur.....Short day 9:15-10:45.....No carpool

2 & 2 ½.....Tues.-Thur.....Short day 9:30-10:30.....No carpool

Please keep these additional things in mind to help with continuing an easy transition:

Teachers need time before school to prepare for your children and get ready to greet each one as he/she comes into the room. Please do not drop off your child before their scheduled carpool time. Parents who carpool --if you arrive before your child's carpool time, please go to the parking lot nearest Kildaire Farm Rd. and wait until the correct time. We can allow only the parents scheduled for their 10 minute interval to be in the lot outside the office door. The schedule is as follows:

<i>2x4s</i>	<i>arrive 8:50</i>	<i>Kilmayne</i>	<i>pick up 1:00</i>	<i>Kilmayne</i>
<i>Trans.</i>	<i>arrive 8:50</i>	<i>“</i>	<i>pick up 1:00</i>	<i>“</i>
<i>all 3s</i>	<i>arrive 9:00</i>	<i>“</i>	<i>pick up 12:00</i>	<i>“</i>
<i>3x4s</i>	<i>arrive 9:00</i>	<i>“</i>	<i>pick up 12:00</i>	<i>“</i>
<i>5x4s</i>	<i>arrive 9:10</i>	<i>“</i>	<i>pick up 12:10</i>	<i>“</i>
<i>2s and 2 1/2s</i>	<i>arrive 9:20</i>	<i>“</i>	<i>pick up 11:45</i>	<i>“</i>

It is important for children to be on time and begin the morning with their classmates.

1. **If you come in to get your child before their dismissal time, please do so before any carpools begin.** Teachers need to focus their attention on the safety of all children during carpool time. Parents walking in during the carpool times can be distracting and confusing to the children and the teachers. Before going to your child's room, come by the office and sign you child out.
 2. **Your carpool name tag goes on your visor or hooked on the rearview mirror so that I or the teachers can see it. This will speed up carpool time.**
 3. **Please buckle your child's seatbelt in the lower parking lot near Kildaire Farm Road.** It would be very helpful if your child's car seat were placed on the passenger side of your car's rear seat. This way, teachers and children will not be walking between cars that are running. This is a huge safety issue—cars have been known to slip out of gear and start rolling, trapping the people between them.
 4. **Turn carpool list into the office.** Your permanent carpool tags will be ready soon.
 5. **We need a permission slip from you, if your child will ride home with someone that is not on his/her carpool list.** If your child has a play date and is going home with another child, we need a note from both parents.
 6. **Tuition is due on the first day of the month. You may mail or drop it in the basket in our office. We start collecting \$10 late fees after Sept. 10.** Please put your child's name on the "Memo" blank found at the bottom of your check. Payment schedule is as follows:
Aug. 1 Sept. 1 Oct. 1 Nov. 1 Dec. 1 Jan. 1 Feb. 1 Mar. 1 Apr. 1
(*Students starting after September, may pay Sept-May, if arrangements have been made in the office.*)
- TUITION EXPRESS is a great to take the worry out of paying tuition. Application forms are in the office or ask your child's teacher to get one for you.**
8. **Please leave the parking spaces on the school side of the Kilmayne parking lot available for pastors and church visitors.**

We still have a few spaces available in the 2 1/2s, 2x3, and Transition classes. If you have friends or neighbors that might be interested, I will be glad to talk to them about our program.

Our fund raisers will continue: **Portrait Makers (our largest fund raiser), Neighbor Boy Christmas trees, Art to Remember, and Barnes & Noble book fair, and possibly Bogue Silhouettes. T-shirts, sweatshirts, and magnets are always available.** We always appreciate your support in these activities.

- *After years of researching this proposal from Verizon, the church has agreed to allow a cell tower to be installed in our church steeple. The church membership feels that this particular cell tower holds no danger to your children, church members and their children, or the neighborhood. You will be given a letter from the church as well as a print-out from the American Cancer Society at Meet the Teacher days. For more information, please got to www.cancer.org and click on "Environmental Carcinogens", then "Radiation" and Cell Towers is included in this. They safety of all children is the most important thing to GFCC as well as GFBC. If you have any questions, please come by to see me.*

Thank you,
Sandy