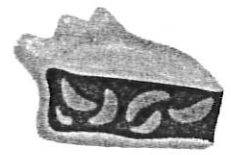




Flora Elementary School K-2 Newsletter September, 2017



We would like to welcome new staff members Mrs. Milligan, Miss Tipsword, Miss Ferguson, Mrs. Earleywine, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Klein, Mrs. Horvet, and Mrs. Smerdel. It has been a wonderful start to the new school year! Students are adjusting very well.

Box Tops – We will continue to collect Box Tops. Please send them in on Box Tops Collection sheet with your child's name and class. Teachers will turn them in when the sheets are completely full. K-2nd students' contest will be in the month of September.

PBIS – We are very excited to be continuing our PBIS program. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions System. Students will be learning about three very important life skills: Be Kind, Be Safe, and Be Responsible. Our theme for PBIS is Pup Pride! We hope to help each child learn more about becoming the best overall person they can be. Each week a new "Cool Tool" lesson will be taught to the children. Students may earn Pup Pride tokens for positive behavior. They may spend the tokens at the PBIS store for many exciting things such as eating lunch with a teacher, wearing a hat at school, and treats.

VISION EXAMINATIONS – Kindergarteners are required to have a vision examination performed by an eye doctor by October 15. If you have not turned in your child's Illinois school vision form signed by the doctor, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, call the Nurse's Office at 662-4820.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS – Please READ the following procedures:

- (1) **When dropping your child off in the morning, we ask that you move past the main drop off 3 car links to avoid traffic being backed up on Emory Street.** For the safety of the children, please do not pull around cars in the main drive while they are letting students out.
- (2) **When there is a change concerning where your child is to go after school,** please SEND A NOTE with your child to give to the teacher. This minimizes phone calls to the office, and the note serves as a reminder to the teacher at the end of the day. **Call before 2:00 P.M. for any bus or pick up change.**
- (3) **Help us keep interruptions down during instruction.** If you need to give a message, stop in the office; we will see that the teacher or student gets the materials or message at an appropriate time. Once a teacher starts instruction on a subject, many minutes of valuable time are lost when interrupted.
- (4) **Party invitations** may be given at school as long as every student in the class receives one.
- (5) **Special treats** brought to school for snack or party **MUST BE PREPACKAGED.** Purchased bakery items are acceptable. This is necessary due to various children's allergies and safety.
- (6) **Lunch/breakfast bills** go home on Monday and are to be paid on Tuesday. Balances are not to exceed \$20. If the balance exceeds \$20, your child may be served a substitute sandwich, carrot sticks, and milk. Also, your child will not be eligible to attend athletic events, field trips, or extra-curricular activities. Please mark the outside of your payment envelopes with your child's name and classroom. Free/reduced lunch forms are available in the office at any time during the year.
- (7) **Tardies** - All students that report to school at 8:20 or after will need to be signed in at the office and will be counted tardy. Also, if a child leaves before dismissal time, he/she will be counted tardy.
- (8) **Pre-arranged absences** are necessary if your child is to be gone for reasons not covered under illness or emergency situations. In order for your child to have an excused absence, approval must be given by the principal prior to the absence.
- (9) **Reasons for absences** must be communicated to the school either by phoning the office or sending a note to the teacher. If we do not know the reason for absence, it will be considered an "unexcused" absence. After six days of absences, a doctor's note will be required.
- (10) **Truancy 3-6-9 Policy** – The Right Track Truancy Program is implementing a new policy on truancy. Chad Loudermilk is the truancy officer for the Regional Office of Education #12. His office is fast tracking truants to a potential truancy review meeting. The new policy requires area schools to send a letter to parents if a student has three unexcused absences from school. If a student reaches six unexcused absences, the school is again instructed to send a letter to parents to refer that student to the truancy office. If a student reaches nine unexcused absences, the office will require parents to attend a truancy review meeting with their student. These meetings are held at city hall here in Flora.

Thank you for making the beginning of the school year a success!

Mrs. Pearce
Principal, Grades Pre-K thru 2nd



Calendar of Events

September 1	2:00 P.M. Dismissal
September 4	No School - Labor Day
September 5-6	Book Fair
September 6-7-8	Aimswest Testing
September 12	Corey the Dribbler Assembly
September 18	2 nd Grade Ag in the Classroom
September 20	Midterm Grades Sent Home for 1 st & 2 nd Grades
September 22	2:00 P.M. Dismissal K-5 Bring a Dollar and Wear a Hat to School for Ag in the Classroom
September 26	1 st Grade Farm Bureau Lessons
September 30	Appleknocker Festival at Flora Elementary School
October 5	No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-8 P.M.
October 6	No School
October 9	No School - Columbus Day
October 18	Elementary School Pictures

