

Dear Parents,

Please remember this is conference week. I sent each of you a note on Friday reminding you of your day and time. If for any reason you did not get that note and forgot your time, please call Mrs. Burgess. She will have my schedule.

This week our school is doing a food drive. If you have a bag of noodles, a can of soup, vegetables, crackers, or mac 'n cheese to spare, please send them in with your child (any non perishable item is great). We will collect in every classroom, pool all the resources on Friday and donate to the local food bank. We are doing this for two reasons. The food bank needs their shelves restocked and children need to learn about giving to those in need as part of their learning about community.

I will put a revised behavior system in place this week. Most of the children have done much better since I started the first system. A few are getting their names on the board repeatedly. I want to help them learn to behave appropriately for all situations. Instead of the grid coming home daily, your child will get a green smiley face, a yellow straight face, or a red sad face card. Children will be moving their name up and down a chart with those three faces on it. If a child has their name on the yellow straight face or the red sad face, they can move their name back up to green if they show appropriate behavior after their last infraction. My message here: you can come in, have a bad day the first hour of school, decide to change your ways and end up with a good day.

Most students are doing their homework and returning it. Thank you for setting up a homework routine for your child. I would like you to check your child's work. Some of them are not following the directions and many are writing their numbers backward. It will be helpful if you ask your child to fix their errors. Please remind them to write their name. Homework is not every night. Typically, it is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Last Friday, however, I did not send a sheet home. That will happen occasionally. If we do not complete a lesson, I don't send the homework home until that lesson is completed.

I look forward to seeing each of you this week. Conferences are very important for your child, you, and me. If children know their parents value education, they will try harder and perform better.

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