

Roosevelt Riding Into Excellence

A,B,C's of Roosevelt, Parent Edition

2009-2010



A Absences: Each day of school is important to your child's learning. Please make sure your child is ON TIME to school every day. If your child is absent it's important that you call the schools' absence line at 248-586-1950.

B Bagel Day: Each Thursday morning we sell bagels outside the media center for \$.50 as a fundraiser. Funds raised go to purchase take home books for students.

Behavior: *"Behind every behavior concern is a story to be heard and a heart to be healed."* Our school is a positive support school and we work as a school family to teach procedures, teach expectations and model good citizenship.

Brain Based Learning: In each classroom setting your child will learn based on how the young child's brain develops. He/she will have 'brain breaks,' visuals are posted everywhere, and connections are made throughout each day.

Breakfast: Breakfast is served in the gymnasium from 7:40 to 7:55 AM.

C Calendar: A monthly school calendar is sent home at the end of each month providing important dates and activities for you and your child. Please post the calendar in a good location so you don't miss out on Roosevelt fun. Monthly calendars will also be posted on our schools website. www.ferndaleschools.org then go to schools scroll down to Roosevelt.

Community: Our school family consists of students, staff, parents and community members that embrace the love of learning to support young children.

Communication Folders: Each day your child will bring home a home/school communication folder. It is essential that you look through this folder each night. All communication is sent back and forth from school in this folder.

Children: *Children will not remember the material things you provide, but for the feeling that you loved & cherished them. (Richard Evans)*

D Dismissal: If your child rides a bus he/she must have the color coded bus tag on his/her backpack. We will not place a young child on the bus without the tag. If your child is going to have a change of plans you must call the school NO LATER than 3:00 to ensure the message is passed along. We also ask that when changes must occur you send a written note to the teacher. School is dismissed at 3:16.

E Early Dismissal: Parents must report to the office to sign child out if leaving early. Office staff will call down to the classroom to have the child pack up and leave. **No student will be released from class without direct permission from the office. Please follow this safety rule and come into the office each time you enter the school building.**

F Family: We embrace the concept of our school family and ask that you do your part to help young children understand the importance of school, doing their best and respecting adults.

FYI Friday: Each Friday in your child's home/school communication folder is the Principal's weekly newsletter titled, FYI Friday. This newsletter will share the brain tip of the week, what expectation is being taught and other important school information. This newsletter is also posted on our school website. www.ferndaleschools.org then go to schools scroll down and find Roosevelt.

G Gym Class: Physical activity is essential for young children and organized movement is necessary for proper brain development. Your child will have gym class twice a week and recess every day. Your child **MUST** wear gym shoes.

H Homework: Please read to your child **EVERY DAY**. It's the number one factor for student achievement. Your child will bring home homework. Make a routine for your child to complete his/her homework every time. Homework is reinforcement for learning that occurred during the school day.

I Independence: Your child is growing up and independence is a skill that needs to be practiced. Let your child carry his/her own backpack, drop your child off in the car circle to allow him/her to get to class on their own, and practice skills that are expected of your child.

J Joy of Learning: When children feel safe & secure true learning occurs. When children are provided with a warm, nurturing environment true joy comes from that experience. We want children to experience the joy of learning and cherish their elementary school moments.

K Keys to Success: The key is a sense of community. The school family is the core of Roosevelt's social/emotional philosophy. The school family is held together through communication skills. Our goal is to create problem solvers, independent thinkers and happy citizens. At home focus on key words used at school, "Our School Family," "Safe/Unsafe," and "Helpful/Hurtful."

L Late Arrivals: All students and parents must report to the office when arriving late. Students will receive a tardy slip. It's important to have your child to school no later than 7:55 so that he/she can start their day the brain smart way!

Lunch: A lunch menu is sent home at the end of each month. Please make sure you keep up to date with lunch money. Label lunch boxes/bags with your child's name in permanent marker. We recycle many lunch items and will share more information with you throughout the year.

M **Motivation:** *The motivation to behave comes from being in a relationship. Connection = Cooperation.*

N **Newsletters:** Each week your child's teacher will send home a newsletter sharing what the class is working on, what expectations are being taught and other friendly reminders. Teachers will also post them on their teacher webpage.

O **Open Classroom:** Roosevelt has 3 teachers who currently teach in the Open program. The Open program is a philosophy that embraces parent support, self directed learning and working together for the good of the community.

Optimal: *Our brain works optimally in a safe environment.* This is why we teach procedures, drills, expectations through the use of VISUALS for young children. You will hear the teacher and Principal use the phrase, *"I am your safekeeper and your job is to help keep it that way."*

P **Parent/Teacher Communication & Conferences:** All staff members can be reached via phone or email. If you'd like to schedule a conference with your child's teacher please call the school to speak with the teacher or Principal. Parent Teacher Conferences are schedule in November.

Parking Lot: To ensure the safety of everyone we ask that you park only in designated parking spots. The car lane is for loading/unloading only. Our school security guard will enforce this safety rule.

Positive Intent: *Many people have gone further than they ever thought they could because someone else thought they could! (Anonymous)* "Yes we can" is a phrase you will hear in Ferndale Public Schools because we know that we are helping children succeed everyday!

Q **Quick Thought:** *What we say to children becomes their INNER SPEECH for the rest of their lives.*

R **Rules:** Your child will learn and follow the "5 Bee Expectations" in place at Roosevelt. **Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Kind, Be Helpful and Be Responsible.** Ideas and activities for you to do at home will be shared through the year.

S **Safe Center:** In each classroom the teacher has a Safe Center. This is a place students go to when they are having a difficult time. (I.E. – they may be upset because they are tired or miss their mom/dad, they may be angry because they can't figure something out or they may just be tired) It allows them to calm down whiling teaching specific techniques to be a problem solver.

Safety Squad: Third graders are selected to be on the safety squad to help younger children throughout the school year.

Specials: Your child will go to specials each week. Art, Music & Physical Education are vital for young children's development. Your child will also visit the media center and computer lab.

T **Third Grade Lunches:** Each Friday Ms. Krause takes a small group of third graders out to lunch in Ferndale. These students are selected by teachers and staff for trying their best, following school expectations and getting along well with others.

Toys: Unless your child is participating in a show & tell activity ALL toys, cards, gizmos and games need to be kept at home. Please help support this necessary rule so that teaching & learning are taking place at school.

U **Unity:** *We are all in this together. Relationships are the motivation for learning.*

V **Visitors:** All visitors and volunteers must check into the front office to sign in and receive an ID badge.

W **Websites:** Each teacher has a webpage that you can access by going to the Ferndale Schools website (www.fernalschools.org) and going to Roosevelt Staff Contacts. You may also access the webpage at www.teacherwebpage.com.

X **Excellence:** Our school wide theme for the 2009-2010 school year is, “Roosevelt Riding Into Excellence.” The purpose for a school wide theme is to create an atmosphere of consistency, a sense of pride and a team approach to the school culture. Our school family is essential and we are glad you are apart of it!

Y **Yes We Can:** Ferndale Public Schools and Roosevelt Primary have a lot to celebrate. Our achievement scores are continually showing our students can meet or exceed expectations, our buildings have been updated with bond improvements and our staff continues to grow with incredible educators.

Z **Z-z-z-z-z-z:** Proper rest is critical for young children. Young children need between 10 to 12 hours of sleep each night. Please set up a night time routine to ensure proper rest. When new learning occurs the brain needs 10 to 12 hours to store the new information and keep it in our long term memory bank!

Zealous: *The definition of zealous has some beautiful words: active, unreservedly enthusiastic, passionate, eager and fervent!* These are the same words used to describe Roosevelt’s School Family! We look forward to an excellent year!

