

# MRS. Hennebaul's Howler



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# Weekly Update

#### Specials for next week

- Monday—Music
- Tuesday—Art
- Wednesday—P.E.
- Thursday—P.E.
- Friday—Science

Remember to dress your child in sneakers/tennis shoes on P.E. days.



Library check-out day will begin next Thursday. We check out one book each week. Your child will not be able to check out a new book if they have one that is still checked out. Note that lost/ damaged library books are \$15.00 and report cards are held until library fines are paid.

## Welcome to Kindergarten!

Congratulations—you've made it through the first week of kindergarten! I hope your child's first week of school has been a rewarding one. Your child has experienced HUGE changes already. We've made many new friends and are learning each other's names.

We've spent our week learning how to find our way around a big, new school, how to be a good citizen in our class, and the way we behave in the restroom. Your child has visited our music room, the really cool gym, an art class, and a science lab.

We've navigated our way through the lunch line and the BIG cafeteria! The choices for lunch are fantastic and there are so many new things to try.

We've learned how to find our classroom in the morning and our bus or our car rider numbers to get home in the afternoon.

Our entire school staff and Mrs. Asad's 5th grade class have been ready to guide these little ones through this week. We're rapidly making progress toward a smooth school year.

Give your kindergartener a big hug and congratulate them (and you) on a great start to school!

# Curriculum Night: Tuesday, August 16th 6:00—7:30.

This is the time to come visit our room, meet the PTA officers, and be introduced to your kindergarten curriculum (revised for 2012-2013) and requirements for promotion. You'll also have the opportunity to ask questions.

Please make sure you sent an extra change of clothing (including socks) with your student. Label each item and put them in a ZipLoc bag. I will be collecting your children's spare clothing and storing them here at school in case we need an emergency change (wet playground, sickness, accident).

We sat down together and created this list of class rules. The main reason we come to school is to learn. These rules help us remember why we're here and they support our learning and growing. Please review these with your child to reinforce the link to learning and good behavior.





The red folder with a white star is the Star Card. This is your child's conduct folder and will come home in your child's Friday folder. Please review it with them each week, discuss any items checked, sign it and return it each Monday. I will only send it once each week unless we find a need for you to see it daily.

### Food at school

You should find a note in your Friday Folder with new information about red drinks and outside birthday treats. In summary, no red drinks are allowed at school in snacks or lunches. In addition, since we must be aware of food allergies, you will only be able to purchase class ice cream parties if you'd like a birthday snack for your child to share with everyone. These are available for \$25 and will feed the entire class. We apologize but no more outside snacks may be brought to school to share (cupcakes, etc).

#### Peanut-Free Classroom

We have children with peanut and tree nut allergies in our classroom this year so we will be a peanut-free classroom. We also have **SEVERE** nut allergies in our school. In consideration of this serious health issue, we have a "peanut-free" lunch table, as well. When you come eat lunch with us (beginning after Labor Day) please make sure you are sitting on the tables to the left as you enter the cafeteria. We ask you not to sit at the peanut free tables at the right so we may be sure to keep the health of these children in mind.

### Rest time is over

Since we had no "nappers" this week, we'll go ahead and transition into our writer's workshop as soon as we come in from recess. You won't need to send a towel to school anymore.

## Money Due

Be watching for a form coming next week in your Friday Folder as a reminder that you still need to pay for field trips or purchase headphones. If you do not receive a note, then we have everything from you.

Our field trip fee is \$35.00 and covers 5 field trips this year. Our first field trip (in house) is scheduled for Thursday, September 6th. Although your child will not be denied the field trips due to an inability to pay, please note that if we don't collect enough field trip dues to pay for the activities, we will have to cancel them.

Headphones are \$5.50 if you choose to buy them from the school. If you purchase your own, please make sure they cover the ears and are not ear buds.

#### I encourage you to go through

www.mypaymentsplus.com to make these payments instead of sending them to school. However, if you choose to send it with your child, please make the checks to Roberts Elementary School.