



Gonzales Elementary

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2024 – 2025 School Information

DAILY ARRIVAL

Doors Open @ 7:15 – School starts @7:40

Any student entering after the bell at 7:40 is TARDY. Please leave your child at school by 7:30AM so that they have plenty of time to participate in Morning Assembly and have breakfast. We ask that you call the front office to report when your child is absent.

Students will be routed to the cafeteria for morning assembly. They will enter at the front entrance. If you are walking your students to the door, please give them your well wishes and allow them to enter alone and get to their spot. Staff members will be available to help them find their spot. They will learn the routine and become confident as they start their day.

LUNCH

We respectfully request there be no visitors during lunch due to seating and time constraints. All K-5 students will eat in the cafeteria this year due to health and nutrition guidelines. We appreciate your understanding. You may drop off lunch for your student before their scheduled lunch (except during state testing days when campus is closed).



DAILY DISMISSAL – How will your child get home?

Please make sure you communicate with your teacher before the first day of school to let them know how your child will get home. If you need to change how they get home for a day, please call the front office before 2:30 so they can inform the teacher in a timely manner. It would be good to check in with your teacher as well to give them a heads up!

Parent Pick UP - Car Riders - These students will be picked up in the car line by a parent or designated adult. Please display your child's name card on your windshield. Duty staff will call your child's name.

Walker (East & West) These students walk home or to a designated meeting spot unassisted. They will be escorted outside by a staff member. If you are having your child meet you, please make sure they know the exact designated spot to go to. Not recommended for primary student unless going with an older sibling.

Parent Walk-Up - These students will be released to parents that chose to walk up and meet their students. These students will be released at the East front entrance. Make sure you have your child's name card with you so that we can make sure your child gets to you.

Bus/Day Care – These students will be released to the bus zone and check in with the staff member on duty. Once all students are checked in, they will be escorted to their bus/daycare van.

Campfire – These students will be released to the cafeteria where they will check in with the Campfire staff.

We appreciate your patience as we get these routines in place. With your commitment to safety and procedures, we will get faster and better every day!



For our little learners...

It can be difficult for our younger students to adjust to the school environment. Help them practice how to respond to adults. Make sure they know their own name (not their nickname) so that we can help them get where they need to go these first few days. You may want to make them a name tag to wear the first few days.

Bulldog Birthdays & Class Celebrations

We will recognize student birthdays during morning assembly. Our goal is to protect and use all school hours for instruction, so class celebrations for student birthdays will not be allowed. Students/parents may not bring cupcakes or other treats for birthdays.

Designated Class party days are:
Christmas
Valentine's Day
End of Year

Your teachers will send notes regarding these parties prior to the dates. These events are privileges and can be taken away for inappropriate behavior.

ATTENDANCE & ABSENCES

It is imperative that all students attend school on a daily basis. Excessive absences lead to missed instruction. We do not want students to fall behind! If your child does need to be absent, we ask that you call the front office @ 456-1119 to report before 9:30 AM.