

Kindergarten Newsletter

September 2025

Mrs. Baptist



Things to know as we begin the year

Dismissal: 2:59, please meet us at the playground doors at least for the first week or so. I will be outside with the students and will instruct them to wait with me until they see their adult.

Daily Take-Home Folders

Each child has a daily take-home folder. Please check this folder every evening and return it to school the next day. Students will usually have a math page and a reading page for homework. Other papers can stay at home with a few exceptions. Sometimes there are papers for you to fill out and return; an example might be a field trip form or a note from the office.

Homework

The students will have homework each day. During the school day we do have homework time. As the year progresses, often the students can get more and more of their homework completed at school. Please check for papers in the Take-Home folder each evening and assist your child in making this part of your routine at home.

Corrected papers will have a star, sticker, or positive note – when you see this, the worksheet can be kept at home. If a teacher writes “**Fix & Return,**” or something like that, errors need to be corrected by your child (with help as needed). Please send the corrected homework back in the folder. The children need parent involvement with homework in kindergarten, please go over the pages each night. Please let me know if your child continuously has homework that takes more than 30 minutes.

Reading and Math Groups

Your child may have Mrs. Nagreen or Mrs. Baptist for reading and/or math. Horizons is the name of the reading program, Saxon is the name of the math program for both groups.

Snack Time

Each day we have in-class morning snack time. Each student will bring their own personal snack from home. ****All snacks must be free of nuts****. I will keep Cheerios on hand in case it's forgotten, but please don't rely on this. The students may also bring a personal water bottle with their name on it. Please do not put juice (etc.) in their bottles.



Lunch

We will assist the class during lunch for the first week to ensure all goes smoothly for your child. Each day, your child must know if they have a lunch from home or a school lunch, so remind them as you drop them off each morning (this helps a lot). A paper copy of the lunch menu will be sent home each month (September's was on their desk at Meet and Greet). It is also available online. You are able to put money into your student's account online via infinite campus or by bringing in money to the office.

Star of the Week

Each student will get the opportunity to be our "Star of the Week". There was a sign up for your child's week during Meet & Greet. If you did not sign up at Meet and Greet, I will enter the remaining students into the schedule and email out a final list. Children will have a time to show a special toy or item while they are "Star of the Week".

Birthdays

Classical recognizes birthdays for students with birthdays during the school year and "half birthdays" for summer birthdays. *Please note no food treats for birthdays. Sending birthday cards and/or invitations via school is not allowed.

Field Trips

We will have a few field trips this year (amount varies depending on annual local offerings). There will be forms coming home and chaperone opportunities available when those events get closer.

Communication

I will use Talking Points, newsletters and email for announcements and reminders this year. For example, I will try my best to send library-day reminders and Star of the Week reminders. I will use the email addresses from Infinite Campus for your family.

Please feel free to reach out with questions to me, baptistamanda@asds.k12.wi.us.

Teaching kindergarteners means I am not often at my desk during the school day. Most days I will answer emails at the beginning/end of the day. If you need to reach school urgently, please call the office.

Looking forward to a fantastic school year!

