

Welcome to Creek Valley!



*...a fun place to
play and learn!*

Kindergarten

Creek Valley Elementary
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Kindergarten Handbook 2020-2021

Student Backpack and Round Trip Folder

Please make sure that your child comes to school each day with his/her backpack AND green Creek Valley round trip folder. At Creek Valley we **strongly believe** that students must learn responsibility by managing their personal belongings. We recommend that you and your child review school work and other pieces of communication on a daily basis.

Kindergarten students will receive round trip folders before school starts. These green Creek Valley folders are provided by our school PTO. If your child loses his/her folder during the year, please be sure to purchase a replacement. It is very helpful to have a backpack large enough to easily accommodate papers, books, etc...

Transportation Tags

The transportation tag that is in the green Bobcat folder should be completed and worn to school on the first day until further notice. Whether your child walks, rides the bus, or goes to Kids Club, he/she should wear this tag to and from school. During class time, we will ask students to keep these in their backpacks, so they will not wear out. These tags really help all school staff as we get to know new students.

Arrival/Departure

Creek Valley student hours are 7:50 a.m.- 2:25 p.m. Further communication regarding staggered arrival and departure times will be communicated from our principal, Kari Dahlquist. **Please note that school staff cannot send your child home with someone else for play dates etc. unless we have written permission from you.** It is very important to communicate any changes for your child early, as teachers are not able to easily check e-mail or make phone calls during our busy dismissal time. Thank you in advance for helping your child stay on schedule.

Absences

Any time your child will be absent from school, the absence **MUST BE COMMUNICATED**. The attendance line number is 952-848-3202. In the case of vacation or another pre-arranged absence, a form must be filled out and signed by the classroom teacher at least 48 hours in advance. Please contact the office to obtain the form, or check the CV website.

Kindergarten Homework

In order for your child to receive the **greatest benefit** from Edina's reading curriculum, we strongly encourage each family to read with their child a minimum of twenty minutes each day.

Lunch/Snack Policy

Students will be eating snack **and lunch** in the classrooms this year. In alliance with the district wellness policy, Creek Valley has a healthy snack policy. Kindergarten classes are planning to have a snack break each day. Please plan to send a snack with your child each day if you would like your child to have a snack at that time. Be sure to discuss this decision with your child ahead of time. **No nuts or nut products are allowed in Kindergarten classrooms.**

Kids in Our Class

It is our policy to respect the privacy of every child and family in our classroom. As a result, information regarding a particular child may only be shared with his/her parents. At the beginning of the year, parents often want to connect their child with new friends from their class. Please remember however, that I am not allowed to give out phone numbers, addresses, or e-mail addresses of classmates. Keep an eye out for the student directory that is distributed in the beginning of October. Thanks for your patience!

Birthdays

As noted by our principal in the beginning of the year, **Creek Valley has a no birthday treats policy.** Instead, you may wish to consider a book donated to the Creek Valley library in your child's honor. If you are interested in donating a book, please contact the media center for further details.

In addition, please do not send party invitations to school with your child unless everyone in the class will be invited, as this can result in hurt feelings.

Toys

Please help your child remember that toys are to stay at home. Toys in the classroom tend to be a distraction to learning and can be lost or broken.

Kindergarten Supply List

- 1 box of 24 count Twistable Mini Crayola crayons
- 1 set of Crayola watercolor washable markers
- 4 Expo dry erase markers (broad tipped, any color)
- 6 large glue sticks (.77 oz.)
- 1 doz. # 2 plain yellow Ticonderoga pencils **sharpened**
- Watercolor paints, Prang brand
- 2 pack black Flair pens
- 1 box of facial tissues
- 3 large containers of Clorox disinfectant wipes (75 ct)
- Headphones (no earbuds)
- 1 spiral notebook (8" x 10 ½"), wide ruled
- 1 box Ziploc quart size bags (zip or slide).
- Full-size Backpack
- 2 cloth masks

*change of clothes (including underwear and socks) in a gallon ziplock bag

Please write your child's name on all supplies!

There is a lot of information to take in during the first weeks of school! Please never hesitate to contact me with questions. Thank you for taking the time to read through this handbook!