



Mrs. Pinson's Kindergarten Readiness Parent Handbook 2020-2021

WELCOME! I am very excited about the upcoming school year. By working together, we can make this a great year for your child. I look forward to working with your family as a team to make your Kindergarten experience very beneficial. Kindergarten is a very special time for your child and for you as well. The following paragraphs will explain some important information about our daily routines. Please feel free to ask any questions. You may contact me at school during my planning time or after 2:30p.m. As soon as I have a planning period in place, I will let you know. You may leave me a voicemail by calling the school at (615)904-3795 ext. 28732. I may also be reached by email at pinsons@rcschools.net. **Class Dojo is also an excellent way to communicate with me.** Please know that from 7:20 am until the bell rings is not a good time to talk with me. That is a special time for me to welcome the children each day. My attention will be focused on them. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you this year to make this an amazing learning experience for your child!



Arrival: School begins promptly at 7:35 a.m. The first bell will ring at 7:20 a.m. children arriving before 7:20 a.m. will sit quietly outside the classroom.



DISMISSAL: Kindergarten car riders will be dismissed at 2:10p.m. The front parking lot will be used for pick-up. Please pull up and wait in your car until school personnel brings your child to the car. You will be provided a car tag with your child's name on it to ensure a quick dismissal time. Please place it in the dash window so that it will be visible. You can make your own on a piece of paper until the school tags arrive. Just have your child's name in large print on the tag. Please review the pick-up guidelines in your Student Handbook.

*******If there is a change in your child's dismissal*******

PLEASE write out a note and place it in the take home folder. If I do not see the note he/she will have to be dismissed like he/she normally is. If it is a sudden change during the day, you **MUST** contact the office and they will notify me. (Please do not leave me a voice mail, please contact the office directly.) The office phone number is 615-904-3796.

*******Again this is for the safety of your child. *******

Children who are late car riders or bus riders will remain with K teachers until the 2:30p.m dismissal time. The children will be escorted to the appropriate location for dismissal.



ATTENDANCE: Blackman Elementary encourages good attendance to promote a high standard of achievement. Please maintain a positive attitude at home regarding school attendance. However, if your child is sick or has a temperature, please keep them at home so other children will not be affected. Please review all of the attendance guidelines set forth in the Student Handbook of the Agenda. **Please remember to send in a dated and signed note in your child's take-home folder when your child has been absent. Attendance notes should be sent to school in the take-home folder.** School doors open daily at 6:45 a.m.

Classroom Rules:

1. Use inside voices
2. Raise your hand to speak
3. Use helpful hands and words
4. Make smart choices
5. Follow directions quickly

Discipline Codes/Behavior: We use these school wide discipline codes, if your child breaks a rule you will be notified by your child's teacher.

OT= off task: Inattention, class rule broken

T= talking at inappropriate times

DC= dress code correction

CP= care of property: one's own property, classroom and school property

DP= disrespect to another person including classmates and staff



LUNCH: Students may bring a lunch from home or purchase a lunch in the cafeteria. Daily lunch is \$2.75. We prefer lunch to be paid through the My Payments Plus option. You will find this on our school website under the menus and payment tab. If you do send money, it must be in a labeled envelope with exact change.

Name: John Doe

Class: Mrs. Pinson - Kindergarten Readiness

Amount: \$2.75

Our scheduled lunch time is 10:00-10:30

o Don't forget that commercial food is not permitted in the cafeteria.



SNACK: We will have snack every day. We are working with the nurse to teach the children healthy eating habits. Please encourage your child to bring a healthy snack. You may also send a bottled water if you wish. Thanks for your cooperation!



Birthdays: For the safety and health of our students, birthdays will NOT be celebrated with food at school this year. When your child has a birthday, his/her name will be announced during the morning announcements, and I will send them to the office for a birthday pencil from the administration. We will also recognize your child's birthday in the classroom.



Medicine: Parents are responsible for providing all medications, including over the counter medicines. All medicines must be turned into the school nurse who is located in the office. A parent must bring the medicine to school to be signed in.



Backpacks: A backpack is a must for your child to bring to school EVERY DAY. Important papers will be sent home in your child's take-home folder. Without a backpack, it is extremely difficult for your child to make it home with papers and notes. It is also crucial that you check your child's folder every night to see what he/she has done at school. All written communication from me will be sent through Class Dojo.

Please place any money in an envelope labeled with your child's name and class name on it. Please label what the money is for. Any money, notes, correspondence etc. should be placed in the take home folder. You can also communicate through Class Dojo.



Rest Mats: We will have a 30-minute rest period in Kindergarten Readiness. Your child will need a thin rest mat. Please do not send in any pillows, blankets or stuffed animals.



REPORT SYSTEM: Report cards will be sent home once every nine weeks. Progress reports will be sent home in between report cards. Skills and units of study will be posted on the weekly. You will find a weekly update and important information on my school webpage:

https://ble.rcschools.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=689983&type=u&pREC_ID=1093712

Please review any papers that your child brings home. It will help keep you up to date of what is going on in the classroom and keep you informed of any changes in your child's progress. You will also find school related information on Kiddom. Please use the resources provided to follow what we are learning in the classroom.



OUTDOOR RECESS: The children will have recess **every day**. Please keep the weather in mind when helping your child to select clothes for the day. Also, we are fortunate to have a variety of playground equipment, including several pieces for climbing. Be sure to keep this in mind when selecting shoes. Flip flops, Crocs, and dress shoes are less than ideal if your child chooses to play on this equipment. If your child must wear these types of shoes, please send a pair of tennis shoes to change into before going outside.



STUDENT HANDBOOK: Please read and familiarize yourself with the Blackman Elementary Student Handbook. You will find this on our school website. https://ble.rcschools.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=541093&type=d&pREC_ID=1050245 In the handbook you will find important things to know such as the attendance policy, the tardy policy, dress code, cafeteria rules/regulations, and much more.



Wee Deliver: We have a school mailing system where your child can receive a letter from their parents or other students. If you would like to mail a letter to your child our mailing address is:

Pinson Pal Classroom
C-13 Cooperation Court
Blackman, TN 12345

Use your own address as the return address. You may use a sticker as stamp. You may either send the letter in your child's folder or drop it in the orange mailbox by the office.



Schedule: I will share our class schedule with you over the next few weeks.



Again, I welcome you to Blackman Elementary and to **KINDERGARTEN Readiness!** I am looking forward to a **GREAT** year!

T.E.A.M.
Together Everyone Achieves More