

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Where should the kids wait before school? And where do I meet them after school?**

Children should not be on campus before 8:20 am. At the 8:20 am bell, students may walk to their classroom, hang their backpacks by the door and walk back to the playground. At the 8:35 am bell, they must line up at our designated spot on the playground, where their teacher will pick them up and walk them to class.

At dismissal, teachers will walk students to the bus and back parking lot for car pick-up. Students riding bikes, walking, or going to Kids Country, may head through the hallways on their own. Supervision is provided in the back lot carpool area and bus area only. If you are picking up your child, **PLEASE** wait in the courtyard on the color blocks and arrange a routine to have your child meet you there after school.

### **What does my child need to bring to school on a daily basis?**

Children should bring a backpack large enough to hold a 9" x 12" folder, their lunch, snack and a jacket (if needed). Games, toys, electronic devices, extra pencils, pens and notepads/binders are not needed and should not come to school. NOTE: Monday Folders are returned on Fridays!

### **What should I do if my child is absent?**

If your child is absent, please call the school's attendance line (925-837-3807) by 9 am. Or you can send an email to [gy-attendance@srvusd.net](mailto:gy-attendance@srvusd.net). If emailing, please make sure to include your student's name, the teacher's name, your name, the date and the reason for absence. If your child will be out for more than one day, please call or email EACH DAY. And, if you know your child is going to be absent for five days or more, please let your teacher know at least one week in advance so that they can set up an independent study contract for you. You will need to pick up the independent study contract in the office and take it, once complete, to the teacher.

### **My child's birthday is coming up. Can I send a treat or party invitation?**

Due to district policy, treats are limited at school. If you send a HEALTHY treat, your teacher will be happy to hand it out at the end of the school day. However due to life-threatening food allergies, any food items sent in must be 100% FREE OF ANY KIND OF NUT! In lieu of a "sweet treat," we love the idea of your child giving the gift of a favorite book to our class library instead. On your child's birthday, we will honor their special day with a birthday certificate, sticker and a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday to You!" Please do not send party invitations to be passed out at school. These should be mailed from home or handed out privately.

**My child came home without their jacket. Where should I look?**

Please label all jackets, sweaters, gloves, hats, backpacks and lunch boxes. If your child loses an item of clothing, first look on the hooks in our hallway. There is also a lost and found on a rolling rack in front of the library. HOWEVER any clothing that isn't claimed before our winter break, as well as the end of the school year, is usually donated to charity.

**What happens if my child forgets their lunch?**

If you realize the lunch was forgotten, you can drop it off at the office or hang it outside on our hooks. We also highly recommend having a lunch credit so your child can purchase a school lunch with their I.D. card in the MPR when a lunch is forgotten.

**Does my child get to check books out from the library?**

Yes. We go to the school library once a week. During this visit, students get to check out one book to take home that week. Books are due back the day before our library day. If you would like to keep the book for more than one week, please return the book with a post-it stating that you would like to renew it. It's just that easy!

**My child needs medicine for allergies or a cold. Who administers this?**

A note from your doctor must authorize all medications to be administered at school. Even over-the-counter medications, such as cough drops and Ibuprofen must be accompanied by a doctor's note. Students are not allowed to self-administer any medication (including throat lozenges). The school nurse or office personnel must administer all medication. You may also arrange with the office to come to the school to administer medication at the necessary times.

**We were running late this morning, do I need to have my child check-in at the school office?**

Yes. If your child arrives late, please check in at the office first to sign them in.

**I need to pick up my child early. What do I do?**

Please go to the office and sign your child out of class. The office staff will call your teacher's classroom to send them up to the office.

**Do you need parent help?**

Yes!!! Parent volunteers are always welcome and very much needed. We use parents for a variety of classroom activities: parties and special events, classroom centers, field trips and volunteers for science, library and computer lab. Sign-ups for different volunteer opportunities will be available at Back-To-School-Night, or you can sign up via the link on your child's class page. Your teacher will also send out requests throughout the year as the need arises. NOTE: it is required that you sign-in at the office and collect your visitor badge when volunteering or visiting the Green Valley campus.

**What does my child need to wear on their P.E. day?**

It is important that your child remembers to wear the right clothes for physical education (P.E.). Our P.E. teacher, Mr. Trapani, requires the following clothes to be worn. He would also like you to pack a water bottle for your child.

“Yes” clothes: shorts, sweat pants, yoga pants, leggings, T-shirts, sweatshirts, closed toe athletic shoes.

“No” clothes: sandals (Tevas, Keens, flip flops, Crocs etc.), boots, Uggs, slip-on shoes, jeans, skirts, dresses.