

Welcome to Grand Prairie!

We know many of you have questions about transportation to and from Grand Prairie for your new student! Below is information to help you navigate arrival and dismissal.



**CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION** - If there is ever a change in dismissal transportation from your child's normal routine, it is essential that you contact Michelle Barrera in the office at 806 - 4054 directly or send a written note in the morning. Often parents email the teacher, but please remember the teacher is teaching and may not get to her email until after school and thus miss your communication. We request that you make that communication as early as possible in the day to avoid any confusion for your child or the supervisors at the end of the day. Thank you!

### **CAR RIDERS**

Our drop off and pick up for **CAR RIDERS** takes place off Sutton Dale on the East side of the building. We ask if at all possible, for your child's safety, that they exit and enter the vehicle on the right side adjacent to the side walk. If this is not possible, please either park and walk up or wait until the line moves all the way up to the curve to ensure safety of all children. If you choose to park, please walk through the crosswalk and onto the sidewalk.

#### **Arrival specific:**

Children will enter the building at that first east door. Adults are monitoring to guide the students. If possible, please do not drop your child off prior to 8:10 in the car rider line. This gives them a fifteen minute recess which is just enough time to get the wiggles out before the school day begins!

#### **Dismissal specific:**

Children exit the building on the East side, walk and stand on the yellow line. As cars move up, we instruct the students to wait until all the wheels stop before moving to their car. We have assigned staff members to load them in your car.

If you choose to park, please walk through the crosswalk and onto the sidewalk; please refrain from calling to your child to come to you. Students will not be allowed to cross unattended for safety reasons.

After the first two weeks of school and transportation for all is solidified, car riders will receive a blue card with their child's name to be placed on the dash board to help streamline dismissal.

### **BUS RIDERS:**

Busses drop students off in the front of the building where adults monitor as they enter the building. At dismissal, students are seated in bus lines within the building and exit with an adult leader to the bus. Bus tags are checked to ensure children get on the right bus.

Research shows that the beginning of each day is critical to the day's success. Please help us start your child's day off on a good note by having them arrive at school before 8:25 a.m. As a safety measure, students who arrive after 8:25 need to go through the office to get a pass. This process ensures your child's safety by making sure he/she is accounted for by the office and the classroom teacher.

We look forward to building a partnership with all of our new families. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions or comments 815-469-3366.

Respectfully,

Eileen Nelson, Principal

Sean Rhoads, Assistant Principal

