

The Bear Necessities

Week of August 31, 2020

Dear Friends,

This is our last week with students in their 2019/20 grade placement. We have many activities planned for Step Up Day on Friday, September 4. For our students moving to Kindergarten from PreK, Mrs. White has something special planned for the afternoon of Tuesday, September 8.

Students will begin their 2020/21 grade placement on Tuesday, September 8 and our Kindergarten class will start their first full day on Wednesday, September 9. We are all very excited for this transition! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions about this transition time.

~Erin



We will begin dismissing everyone at 2:45 on **Tuesday, September 8**. Our order of dismissal will be:

1. Private riders

2. Bus riders (one bus at a time)
3. All other students



On behalf of EES faculty and staff, I want to give you all a big **THANK YOU** for all you have done to help our school reopen! We could not do what we do without you...and your willingness to pivot and help us out by following guidelines has been a huge help!

~Erin



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REMINDER

Thank you for your help in these areas:

- Please do not drop your child off any earlier than 7:45; this includes walkers and bike riders.
- When picking up your child, please wait in line and **DO NOT** go around cars that are still loading.
- Masks need to be worn at all times in the building, on the bus, and while outside waiting for pick up.
- Please be sure to do the symptom checklist each day **BEFORE** sending your child to school.
- We are increasing our online presence so please check your email, Facebook, and the district website regularly.
- If you know your child will be absent, please contact the office for the "Planned Absence" form.
- Please remember that the driveway connecting the two buildings is not open to traffic 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Parenting Help Desk - Organization

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a place for everything, and everything in its place

WHAT IS IT?

"Organization is what you do before you do something, so that when you do it, it is not all mixed up."

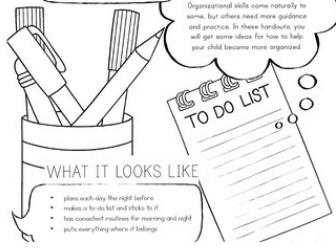
-A.A. Milne

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Organization skills have been attributed to better time management, finance management, and less stress. Organizational skills come naturally to some, but others need more guidance and practice. In these handouts, you will get some ideas for how to help your child become more organized.

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

- plans each day the night before
- makes a to-do list and sticks to it
- has consistent routines for morning and night
- puts everything where it belongs

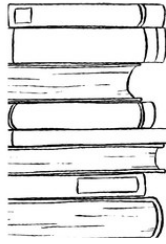


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KEEP A CALENDAR

Keeping a calendar is an important part of staying organized. You probably already have a family calendar - but is your child keeping track of their own events? Encourage your child to write their activities on the family calendar and check the calendar when making new plans. Help your child check the calendar each evening so they can plan the next day.



ONE IN, ONE OUT

Sometimes our organization efforts are thwarted by the amount of "stuff" that we own - it's impossible to keep things organized when there just isn't enough room for it all. You can employ the "One In, One Out" rule to help with this. Each time a new toy is brought into the house, have your child select an older, less played with toy to donate to a child in need.

SET ROUTINES

Organized people follow routines that work for them. Come up with a morning routine with your child (e.g. brush teeth, get dressed, pack lunch, gather homework, etc.) and stick to it as a checklist. This way, they can take responsibility for checking that they have done everything they need to do to have a successful day.

A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING

It sounds silly, but your child might not know how to organize their belongings. They may look at the chaos of their messy room and not even know where to begin. You can help them by designating "a place for everything." Help them label toy bins and shelves so they know exactly where things belong. This may take some time to set up initially, but it will save time in the long run!

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BOOKS ABOUT ORGANIZATION:

- [Get Organized Without Losing It](#) by Joyce S. Fox
- [The Berenstain Bears and the Messy Room](#) by Stan Berenstain
- [The Berenstain Bears Clean Up](#) by Mike Berenstain
- [Just a Mess](#) by Mercer Mayer
- [Just a Forest](#) by Mercer Mayer

DONATE!

One idea to help your kids stay organized is the "One In, One Out" rule. Donating to Goodwill or another organization is a great way to fulfill the "one out" portion of that rule. Donation makes a difference in your community, and Goodwill has put together a website that shows exactly how your donation will impact your community. Check it out!



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