

Stafford Stars News

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WELCOME!

I am so glad that your family is a part of my class this year! I have many great activities planned for the year, and I can't wait to get started! I hope your summer was fun filled, and you are as excited as I am for the school year to begin. In addition to this email, you will also be receiving an email link to fill out a short survey about your child. This will help me get to know your child better. Below is the link to our class blog where you can also fill out this survey just in case you missed the email.



<http://staffordstars.weebly.com/blog>

On the Web

Our website will be a wealth of information throughout the school year. It is already up and running, so go and check it out today and bookmark it for easy access later:

<http://staffordstars.weebly.com/>

Here are some things to look for as you browse our site:

- Newsletters – current and past
- Blog – Pictures, learning, and current events will be posted and updated throughout the year
- Schedules and Calendars
- Links – To important websites such as IXL, Raz-Kids, Scholastic Book Clubs, etc.
- Academic information including units, benchmarks, and routines
- All About Mrs. Stafford
- Volunteer opportunities and signups for class help, party help, and Mystery Reader
- REMIND – I will use this program to send you short reminders throughout the year. You can choose how you want to be contacted. Look for the link and sign up soon to start getting reminders.
- Padlets – A place for our Stafford Stars community to share their thinking on various topics. These can be found at the bottom of our homepage. Check it out and join the conversation today.



List of Supplies

The school provides pencils, markers, crayons, folders, and glue; however, the following items would be appreciated if you would like to donate any items at the beginning of the year or throughout the school year:



- Boxed tissues
- Baby wipes (unscented please)
- Disinfecting wipes (Clorox brand ONLY)
- Gallon-sized ziplock bags
- Quart-sized ziplock bags
- Sandwich-sized ziplock bags
- Sticky notes (all sizes and all colors)
- Hand sanitizer (Purell brand ONLY)

Please DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO BRING ANY EXTRA MATERIALS TO SCHOOL. Our class is equipped with tables (not desks) and students will be sharing lockers. Therefore there isn't much room for any extra items.

Snack



Healthy snacks such as fruit, veggies, cheese and crackers, pretzels, or yogurt are preferred. Dessert items such as cookies, candy, chips, etc are not allowed at snack time. Thanks for your support in this! Please send your child's snack in a small separate bag labeled with his/her name and the word "snack." Keeping it separate from your child's lunch will help this routine to run more smoothly.

Bring your favorite book to school!

Please help your child pick out one of their favorite picture books to bring to school on the first day. It should be a book that takes between 5 – 10 minutes to read. Make sure to remember to put their name on the book. This book will remain at school for about three weeks so that I have a chance to read each student's book to the class when they are Star of the Day.



How your child gets to and from school

It is very important that I know how your child will be getting home from school every day! Please either print out/fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and turn in the paper version on the first day of school, or fill out the online version of this form at:

<https://goog/forms/LYjkek5dWl4tnrL&3>



If/when there is a change in your dismissal plan, please email me (if you know days in advance), or send in a note with your child. Please do NOT send emails for same day changes. In the case of a same day dismissal change, either send in a hand written note with your child or call the office.

Have a Smartphone?

Use a QR reader to scan and download important information in a snap.



Mrs. Stafford's Contact Information



Class Website



Class Blog



Sign up for REMIND to stay connected



Newsletters



Schedule & Calendar



Raz-Kids



IXL



Report an absence

Where my child will go after school

Please either print out this form and turn in the paper version on the first day of school, or fill out the online version of this form at:
<https://goog/forms/LYjkek5dWl4tnrL8/3>

Child's Name: _____

First Day of school (1/2 day ends at 11:09) How will your child get home? (Circle one)

Bus # _____ Kids Club Pick up (sign out in gym lobby) Walk (meet under tree)

If pick up, who will be doing the picking up? Please see the line above for where to meet/pick up.

Please let me know how your child will get home routinely throughout the year/next few weeks. If/when there is a change, hand write a note and sent it with your child to school.

Mondays: Bus # _____ Kids Club Pick up (sign out in gym lobby) Walk (meet under tree)

If pick up, who will be doing the picking up?

Tuesdays: Bus # _____ Kids Club Pick up (sign out in gym lobby) Walk (meet under tree)

If pick up, who will be doing the picking up?

Wednesdays: Bus # _____ Kids Club Pick up (sign out in gym lobby) Walk (meet under tree)

If pick up, who will be doing the picking up?

Thursdays: Bus # _____ Kids Club Pick up (sign out in gym lobby) Walk (meet under tree)

If pick up, who will be doing the picking up?

Fridays: Bus # _____ Kids Club Pick up (sign out in gym lobby) Walk (meet under tree)

If pick up, who will be doing the picking up?

Other Comments: _____

Parent Signature: _____

