

## A little note from Mrs. Hatfield...

### **First week**

Even though your child may be very excited to go to school, you may be noticing some clinging and/or crankiness. This is normal and there are some things you can do to alleviate some of your child's worries. Many children need reassurance about leaving you and home. Reassure them that you or someone they know will be there for them when they get off the bus. Explain what their schedule might be like. Sometimes children worry about how they are getting to and from school. We have worked diligently to make sure each child gets home safely by color coding the busses.

### **Attendance**

When your child has been absent or will be absent, please send in a note or call the school to excuse your child's absence. If your child is going to miss an extended amount of time, please let the office know. Since we do lots of "hands on" learning in my room, there may be days that worksheets will be few (especially with first graders). I will do everything I can to help your child finish any lessons he/she may have missed.

### **Bus changes**

If you ever need to change your child's drop off schedule, you need to send a note to me in our folder, notify the office (989 644-3430), or call the Chippewa Hills Transportation office directly (989 967-3435). Unless I get a note or call from you, I am obligated to send them on their regular bus. **All bus passes must be received by 12 pm.**

### **Breakfast & Lunch**

This year, we will be serving breakfast to all students free of charge. Breakfast begins at 7:45 am. Our lunch will be at 11:30. The cafeteria accounting system is computerized. Please send money to school in an envelope with his/her name, the amount, and my name. Even if your child is only purchasing milk, please do the same.

### **Snacks**

I realize that from the time the children eat breakfast until they eat lunch is a very long time to go without eating. I have built a snack time into our daily routine. Each child is responsible for his/her own snack. Healthy nutrition is a must for our students. Students must bring a healthy option for snack. I have attached some ideas on the last page. Our snack time will be in the afternoon. Students may not have candy for snack.

### **Reading/Phonics/Math**

Tons of learning happens in our room! We adhere to the Chippewa Hills curriculum and State of Michigan CCSS (Common Core State Standards) to help your child become the best he/she can be. Reading is an important focus in the early grades. It is imperative that you assist and encourage this at home. At times, your child will bring home material from the library or our reading program. The decodables will be the paper copies of the stories we work on in the room. Your child can keep these at home for continued practice.

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### **Specials**

This year your child will have P.E., Spanish, Music, and Library on a rotating basis. Your child will need tennis shoes for P.E. They can be left at school on the locker. Please be sure to put your child's name on them. Library will be every week. Students will be responsible for their library book.

### **Items for the class**

We can always use some basics: hand sanitizer, Kleenex, and zip lock bags. Please feel free to send any of these items in, but you are not obligated.

### **VIP/Special Person**

One student will have the honor of being the very important person each day. During the day, the special person will have responsibilities in the room such as: line leader, calendar, running errands, and other various tasks. You do not need to furnish a snack for the class.

### **Box Tops**

Our school collects these items, if you have them you may send them in at any time. Watch for contests throughout the year. (It is most helpful to us when they are completely trimmed, but we will accept them in any condition.)

### **Folders**

Student work is sent home each night. I will include any forms or newsletters. I would also like to send newsletters via email. Please update your email and phone number on the following page.

### **Facebook-Weidman Elementary Parents' Club**

If you use Facebook, you may be interested in joining this group. Parents find this page useful as a reminder for information about school events, ask questions, or post information about upcoming events in the community.

### **Questions or Concerns?**

If you have any questions or concerns, you can send a letter in your child's folder, send me an email [dhatfield@chsd.us](mailto:dhatfield@chsd.us), or call me after school. I enjoy chatting with parents when a student has had an exceptional day. Don't be surprised if you receive a call from me with good news!

I am so excited about our year together!

Sincerely,  
Dana Hatfield

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**Please return ASAP**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Please check the preferred method of communication.)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Text \_\_\_\_\_

Any allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your child's afternoon Bus (color or #) or Pick-up Routine?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday