Ridgeway RAP
August 23, 2019

Unit News

Unit A
Unit A students were very busy all week in their homerooms and moving to their Fundations and Math classrooms. With the heat and rain this week, they learned to be flexible with recess times and alternative recesses. We had a great week!

Unit B
Unit B students will bring home their home-school folder every day and it should come back to school the very next day. This folder will travel throughout the day with your child. Items may come from homeroom teachers, math teachers, or others. Please check the folder nightly for notes, homework, announcements, etc. You can help your child stay organized by removing items that do not need to be returned to school or are no longer needed. We look forward to using this tool to facilitate communication between home and school.

Unit C
Today your child is bringing home a letter for volunteer opportunities in Unit C. Please complete it by Friday, September 6. Your child can turn it into his/her homeroom teacher. This week your child received a To-Do List from his/her homeroom teacher. This document will be assigned at the start of each week. It includes homework assignments, due dates, and reminders for the week. Your child is in charge of keeping track of this in his/her home-to-school folder until the end of the week. Please review it with your child. Each teacher will require a parent signature for a period of time to encourage communication.

ABCD Calendar

Monday, August 26 ... D Day
Tuesday, August 27 ... A Day
Wednesday, August 28 ... B Day
Thursday, August 29 ... C Day
Friday, August 30 ... D Day

Please have your child wear tennis shoes to school the day they have PE.

Looking ahead to School Events ~ please mark your calendars!

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We are off to a great start for the 2019-2020 school year! Students and teachers are developing routines for learning that will continue throughout the year. Speaking of routines . . .

Parents often ask, “What do parents and families need to know about school?” In August, my answer would be that families will support their child’s learning by developing and maintaining routines. A few suggestions to get you started:

◊ Please look for the Ridgeway RAP each week so that you stay up-to-date on what is happening at Ridgeway! It will be emailed to you on the last school day of the week, usually Friday. Blue paper copies are sent home to families that request the paper version.

◊ Please learn the routines of Ridgeway. There are two important parts of morning drop off when parents bring their children to school at Ridgeway:

1. Pull all the way forward.
2. Drop and go.

Read on for more detail:

• Students may arrive at school at 7:20. Please do not leave your child before that time. You might see Unit C students arriving for Safety Patrol responsibilities, but other students should not arrive early.

• All students should be dropped off in the morning along the front of the school on Sexton Road.

• Parents and buses should pull all the way forward. The front sidewalk can become congested very quickly. Please, please pull all the way forward!

• Students need to be ready to get out of the car, and parents should remain in the car. This helps our line keep moving.

• Families that need additional unloading time should turn onto Woodlawn Avenue. There is a crossing guard at the intersection of Sexton and Woodlawn to help students cross the road.

◊ Develop routines with your child that you want to continue. Parting for children and parents at school in the morning should be quick. A quick wave and ‘see you tonight’ gets us all going in the morning. No need for long, elaborate rituals.

◊ Keep on loving your kids with all your heart!