

Agendas: Agenda notebooks will go home every day. They provide a great space for communication between home and school. Please be sure to sign/initial the agenda daily.

Attendance: We have a lot of great learning planned for the year and it's important for your child to be at school each day.

Absences: If your child is sick or has an appointment, please send a note or email so that the absence can be coded correctly.

Book Orders: I send home Scholastic Book Orders about once each month. This is a wonderful way to build your child's home library and help our class at the same time. Our class earns Bonus Points with each order that I can use to buy books and materials for our classroom.

Box Tops: An easy way to help our school is by collecting Box Tops for Education. They are found on many foods and the school earns 10 cents for every box top submitted.

Connect Classes: Students will participate in Connect classes on a 6-day rotation for Art, Spanish, PE, Studio, Music, Action Based Learning Lab, Media and STEAM. Wednesday and Thursday are double connect days.

Discipline: Appropriate behavior is expected in our classroom in order to provide a positive learning environment for everyone. Be sure to check out The Essential 5.

Email: One way to contact me is through email. My email is:
kristint.van-stratt@cms.k12.nc.us

Folders: Students will receive their Cougar Folder each Monday. Please check the folder for important PTA and class information.

Grants: If you hear of any grant opportunities involving technology, gardening, or other environmental projects, please send them my way. I am always looking for ways to enrich our learning experiences.

Homework: It is an expectation that every student will read for 20 minutes each day. Students will also take home a daily math sheet from the day's lesson. Further information about homework will be discussed at curriculum night.

Internet: Access to educational websites can be a valuable way to reinforce learning. Check out links (for both students and parents) on the Websites page of the class website.

Join PTA: We have a fantastic PTA at Cotswold! I encourage you to get involved in the fantastic work that they are doing to create a wonderful school environment.

Keep Connected: Take time to talk with your child about their day. Enjoy conversations or share a book with them.

Lunch: Our lunchtime is 11:00-11:30. Students can purchase school lunches or bring their own from home.

Money: Please use a baggie or an envelope when sending money with your child for lunch, field trips, and book orders. This helps prevent lost money.

Newsletters: Weekly newsletters will be available on the webpage. Be sure to check back often for updates.

On Time: Students may enter the school beginning at 8:45 and the tardy bell rings at 9:15. Please help your child arrive to school in plenty of time so they are ready for a terrific school day without feeling rushed or anxious.

Parking Lot: For the safety of all of our children, please follow all parking lot rules when dropping off or picking up students.

Questions: Please feel free to send a note, call me, or email me with any questions or comments that you have.

Reading Log: Please be sure to fill in the Reading Log (found in the front of the agenda notebook) each night.

Report Cards: Report cards are issued 4 times a year. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held at the end of the first quarter.

Student Portfolios: We will be collecting work samples throughout the school year. There will be a Student Portfolio Showcase at the end of the school year.

Tardies: Please be sure to have your child to school on time so that they do not miss any instruction.

Toys: Unless requested, students should not bring any type of toys to school as they can be a disruption to classroom learning.

Transportation: If there is a change in the way your child will go home, please send a note with your child to let me know.

Unique: Each child is unique and has special gifts and talents to contribute. I look forward to getting to know your child well over the course of the year.

Volunteers: There are many opportunities for volunteering. I will be contacting families about ways to get involved.

Website: I will regularly update our class website. You will find information important to our class. Please check back often.

X Marks the Spot: Please designate a quiet space for your child to read and complete his/her homework.

You: As parents, you play a vital role in your child's education. I look forward to working with you this year.

Zzzz: Please make sure your child gets enough sleep. Well-rested, alert children are more successful in school.