



Little Pioneer Press

January

January 2:

- Students return

January 4:

- Grade Cards go home
- BUG lunch

January 21:

- Martin Luther King Day, no school

Snow Days

In the event of a snow day or delay, please tune to 94.3 WKKJ FM. You can also check closings online. You should also be called by Mr. Mowery on the all call system. Other means of finding out about a snow day or delay are the Zane Trace website or the Zane Trace Elementary School Facebook page.



Here are some reminders as we start 2018 and the second semester of the school year.

- Students should arrive at 8:40 AM, and be ready to begin in class at 8:50 AM.
- Attendance is vital to the success of our students. We have state mandated laws to follow with attendance. Be sure your child is at school regularly on time. It is your responsibility.
- Contact your child's teacher if there is an issue you wish to discuss. Remember, you should always contact the teacher first before calling the principal. When your child has a bus issue, please contact the bus driver first.
- ◇ If you are dropping your child off in the mornings, please have your child ready to get out of the **passenger side** of the vehicle. ***If you need to get out of the vehicle to assist your child, please park in the parking lot and walk your child to the door.*** Please be courteous to other parents. The drop off rules are for your child's safety.
- ◇ Please show patience and **do not pull up beside another vehicle to let your child out of the car.** Allowing your child to cross in front of vehicles in the line is dangerous. We all want your child to have a safe and successful day at school everyday.
- ◇ The first car should pull up to the end of the curb. This will allow four cars at a time to pull up to drop off their children. Students may get out of the car as long as they are in the cone area or the first car at the end of the curb. The drop off moves quickly when everyone pulls up the way they should.
- ◇ PICK UP zones are red, white, and blue. If you are not sure which zone to pick up your child, please call the office. Thank you parents for your help with making a safer pick up for our children.

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Temperatures



Please listen to the weather forecast daily and dress your child accordingly.
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Elementary has outdoor recess when the temperature is twenty five degrees or above, including windchill. Some of our students are not dressing warmly enough which makes for a miserable time at recess. Hats, gloves, and a warm coat is a must during the winter season. If you cannot afford these items, please give the office a call, and we will be happy to assist you in making sure your child has the necessary clothing for cold weather.



Kroger Rewards



Kroger's Community Rewards have positively impacted Zane Trace Elementary. If you are signed up and swipe your card while shopping at Kroger's, our elementary receives a monetary donation from your purchase. If you have not signed up or need to renew, please go to the krogercommunityrewards.com website and fill out the necessary information. **Be sure to choose Zane Trace Elementary as the recipient.** The money we receive from Kroger's allows us to purchase classroom supplies needed by the teachers. Please help us to help our precious Little Pioneers!

Resolutions to Think About

1. **Prioritize the family:** Family meals at the table with conversations.
2. **Remove distractions:** No screens at the dinner table or when your child is present.
3. **Draw a Line in the Sand:** Set limits and promote kindness to each other.



A Look Ahead...

FFA Sausage Breakfast

Two Hour Delay for students

February 1, 2019

Students should arrive at 10:40 AM.

Parent Teacher Conferences

February 14, 2019

3:30-6:30 PM

Literacy Night

March 14, 2019

Responsibility



Responsibility is an important life skill. One thing is for sure...it's never too early to teach responsibility. What do you do at home to encourage it? Do your children have jobs to do? Do your children take responsibility for their behaviors and accept consequences when they are needed? Do you know you can count on your child?

How do you teach responsibility? Start by having your child help you do work around the house or outside. Children feel valued when they are asked to help. Make sure you model the task you would like them to do. Teach them how to get a snack for themselves. Show them how to clear the table after supper. Make sure you praise them when they have done a good job. This encourages them to keep doing the job. Know that whenever your child does a job, it might not be perfect, but praise them anyway.

Providing structure and routine should eliminate the need for rewards. Play on your child's intrinsic motivation to do a great job. Set a certain time everyday for brushing teeth, doing homework, and so on.

Teach consequences if the responsibility is not taken care of during the day. Be firm, fair, and CONSISTENT. It is OK to let your child fail. That is how children often learn.

Responsibility leads to high self esteem. If children are responsible, they are better at waiting for what they want, finishing tasks, acknowledging tasks and accepting consequences, taking risks and trying new things, and believing they CAN do whatever is asked.

Children who are over indulged often expect things done for them, act demanding, do not show gratitude, can't deal with frustration or have difficulty waiting for something they want, won't admit to mistakes, refuse to try their best, and do not have a sense of giving back to others or their community.

As parents, we all want our children to have a better life than we had. However, we need to do that in moderation. The best gift we can give our children that will influence their future is teaching responsibility.

Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.

—Emilie Buchwald