

Sandburg Sayings

Carl Sandburg Elementary School Newsletter



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Respect Yourself! Respect Others!
Respect Property!

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Important Sandburg Dates

- August 22 (6:00 p.m.) — BRING YOUR FAMILY to SCHOOL NIGHT
- August 23-- The fall FUNDRAISER starts today. Check the bookbag.
- August 30 -- Good Citizen Capri Sun/Splash Party Parents are invited! (Grades K/1 at 2:00; grades 2/3 at 2:20 and 4/5 at 2:50)
- September 2 -- NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
- September 5 (7:00 p.m.) -- PTC meeting in the library. Everyone is invited. Childcare will be provided. 3rd grade teachers will be our special guests tonight!



From The Principal's Desk

Welcome back to school! For those who are returning to Sandburg, it's a pleasure to have you back. For our students and families who are new to Sandburg, I welcome you! Consider yourself part of a terrific team where teachers, parents, students, staff, and community members work together to provide extraordinary educational experiences for our children.

Our first days at Sandburg have been absolutely wonderful and filled with promise! I am very proud of the children for trying their hardest, both academically and behaviorally. Teachers and staff are working hard to make your child's school experience positive and meaningful. In short, we are off to a great start on the 2019 - 2020 school year.

We're going to have our first family event of the year tomorrow with **Bring Your Family to School Night**. Please be sure to come. We will start at 6:00 p.m. on the playground. Whether you are a family who is new to Sandburg or a family who has had children here for years, everyone is strongly encourage to attend. This is a very important night where you will learn more about the school, your child's new teacher, and what is in store for this school year.

Our staff is dedicated to providing the children with an education that is second to none! Any ideas, questions, or thoughts you have -- please share them with us. It is important that we maintain close communication throughout the year.



Reading at Home with your Child

One thing that sets good readers apart is the questions they ask themselves while they are reading. To the eye, reading might look like a sedentary task. However, good readers' minds are anything but sedentary. Research shows that good readers ask themselves questions as they are reading. The questions may focus on what's going on in the story: "What might happen next?" or "Why did he do that?" Good readers might also ask about words they do not know. "It says she is slumbering. What could that mean?"

Help your child become a better reader by showing him how to ask questions as he reads. **When you are reading aloud**, stop when you get to an exciting part in the story. Ask your child, "What do you think is going to happen next?" Listen to what your child says. Ask, "Why do you think that?" Then turn back to the book and say, "Let's see if you're right." **When you are reading**, stop when you read an unfamiliar word. "James is irritable. What could that mean?" Together, think about clues that might show what the word means. **After you finish reading**, ask questions to help your child connect the book to things he already knows. "Did you ever have a time when you felt irritable like James?" The parent/child talk about reading is as important as the reading itself!

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Fridge Facts

Fridge Facts is a weekly newsletter that comes home with your child in the nightly folder each Monday. You will receive your first issue of **Fridge Facts** in next Monday's take home folder. **Fridge Facts** is printed on gold paper. **Fridge Facts** lets you know what your child will be learning in class that week. There will also be suggestions in the weekly edition of **Fridge Facts** on how you can support your child's learning at home. **Fridge Facts** can also be found on the Sandburg website. Click the button on the right side of the homepage, then click your child's grade.



Be listening for these words to come home frequently with your child. The "three respects" are an important part of Sandburg School. These three respects help to provide a positive and consistent learning environment for all students, thus promoting increased student achievement. Please discuss the importance of these three respects with your child. Help us reinforce them at home, and ask your child about the "Good Citizen Rewards" for demonstrating these three respects at school.



Every Minute Counts

It's important that every child gets the most out of each day of learning at school. One way we strive toward this goal is by providing continuous learning from 9:00 - 3:30 each and every day. You can help!

~ Please make sure your child is on time to school. Learning begins at 9:00. If your child is late for school, not only has he missed learning, but his late arrival will interrupt learning for an entire class of students.

~ Refrain from picking your child up "just a few minutes early" unless it is an absolute emergency. Again, when early pick ups occur, your child misses out on important learning and his early departure interrupts the learning for the other children in the classroom.

~ If picking up your child early from school is unavoidable, your child will be called down from the classroom when you arrive at school. Please do not ask the office to "have your child waiting for you," as this takes away additional precious learning time from your child. Thanks for your cooperation!



Every Friday at Sandburg is SANDBURG SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!

Wear your Sandburg shirt or red and white to show your school spirit. We'll order new Sandburg shirts in September.

Summer Reading Calendars are due on Friday morning at 9:00 AM

Reading Calendars



Starting in September, in the back cover of every student's nightly take-home folder (8-pocket folder in grades 3, 4, and 5), there is a yellow monthly reading calendar. After your student has read for 20 minutes at home, please initial **that day's** square on the calendar. Teachers will be checking these calendars regularly to make sure students are completing daily reading. Please help us by being co-responsible for making sure your child's reading calendar is getting initialed nightly. Thank you for your help in raising lifetime readers!



Be sure to check out the Sandburg website regularly!

There are lots of pictures of what's happening at school, the lunch menu, newsletters, calendar of events, teacher web pages and lots more! Be "in the know!"