

Sandburg Sayings

Carl Sandburg Elementary School Newsletter



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Respect Yourself! Respect Others!
Respect Property!

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Important Sandburg Dates

- October 11 (2:50) — Good Citizen Tug-of-fun! You're welcome to come watch the fun!
- October 14 — NO SCHOOL
- October 15 — October Math Challenge fact tests in grades 1 - 5.
- October 16 (4:30 - 7:30) — Sandburg night at Chick-Fil-A
- October 18 (2:50) — Magnificent Mathematicians' Recess
- October 24 (1:15) — Fall Fun Recess Come help and join the fun!
- October 24 (2:30) — EARLY DISMISSAL
- October 24 (5:00 - 8:00) — Parent/Teacher conferences
- October 24 (2:30 - 6:00) — Fundraiser pickup at school (See article on back page.)
- October 25 — NO SCHOOL for Parent/Teacher conferences



From The Principal's Desk

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in classrooms? That's one way to help, but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. Here are three conversations that will help you stay involved.

"Let's see what you brought home tonight."

Look at completed work to find out what your child is learning and how well he's doing. Look through the papers together and comment on what you see. For example: *"It looks like you are learning a lot about characters and settings of a story. Can you tell me about it?"* or *"It looks like you're having some trouble with these math problems. Tell me where you're struggling."*

"Show me what you have for homework."

It's your child's job to do the homework, but you play a role, too. Make sure your child knows what she is supposed to do by having her explain the assignment to you. After she finishes the work, glance over it to see that it's complete.

"Describe a book you enjoyed today."

This gives you an idea of what your child prefers to read. Then, support your child's daily reading habit by asking what she'd like to read tonight. Encourage her reading and listening skills by reading aloud to her and letting her read to you.

Try these "after school questions":

- ~ *"What's the best thing that happened at school today?"*
- ~ *"If you were the teacher, how would you describe the day today?"*
- ~ *"What made you laugh today?"*
- ~ *"What's the most creative thing you did today?"*
- ~ *"How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?"*

Do you want more specifics to talk with your child about each day? Talk to your child's teacher

Your parent/teacher conference time is enclosed in today's Wednesday folder. Please confirm your time and return the bottom part of the letter to your child's teacher tomorrow.



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Sandburg office: 787-3112

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We need your help!

We'll be sorting and handing out fundraiser merchandise on Thursday, October 24 and need some volunteers. There are three shifts: 1:00 - 2:30; 2:30 - 4:00; and 4:00 - 6:00.

If you can help, please contact Kaitlyn at 217.691.2124 or katjc1492@gmail.com



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!



Sandburg's Nightly Reading Calendar

Thank you to all of our parents who have been initialing their children's reading calendars! Boys and girls who got their calendar signed on a regular basis will get to be a part of the September Readers' Recess! We'll do a special recess near the end of October as well. You can make sure your child gets to be a part of it! Help build those great reading habits by making sure your child is reading *every night* and the reading calendar (stored in the back cover of the Nightly Folder) is initialed. Thank you for your help!



Calling the Office

From 3:20 - 3:40, our first priority is the dismissal process and making sure that all 270 students get on the correct bus; to scope; home in the right car; or walking home in the right direction. During this window of time, we do not answer the telephone so our focus can remain on what's important -- getting all of the children home safely.



Our Door is Always Open

The staff at Sandburg is available to you in many ways. You are welcome to make an appointment to speak with someone in person, call with a question or concern, or send an e-mail. Our staff checks e-mail daily. Please keep the following list throughout the year for your reference. Listed below are the staff e-mail usernames.

Follow each username with:
@sps186.org

Last Name	First Name	Username	Role
Boyd	Lisa	edwards	resource
Burke	Amy	alongane	1st grade
Casper	Mary Anne	mcasper	secretary
Childers	Tiffany	tchilders	resource
Covey	Heather	hccovey	3rd grade
Denton	Bob	rcedent	3rd grade
Fufoglin	Rob	rfufogli	p.e.
Friday	Jessica	fridayj	5th grade
Gilmore	Lynn	lgilmore	music
Glevinsky	Sarah	scenton	art
Gulkema	Lindsay	lwiese	kindergarten
Hanton	Mallory	mhallapd	nurse
Jackson	Sabrina	sjackson	1st grade
Jones	Frika	ajones1	1st grade
Jagan	Ryan	rjagan	5th grade
Kincaid	Keith	kkincaid	principal
Lawson	Tammy	tlawson	cafe mgr.
Marrin	Betsy	bmarrin	kindergarten
Martsch	Cindy	cmartsch	social worker
Nichols	Ellen	enichols	2nd grade
Mowen	Lindsay	lmowen	speech/lang.
Schwesku	Lisa	lisasch	4th grade
Suerbeck	Cris	csuerb	reading
Tenell	Tamary	trounguz	2nd grade
Wells	Berie	bwells	5th grade

Sandburg shirts that were ordered came home yesterday in bookbags. Your copy of the school directory will be coming home by the end of the month.

