

Transition to Kindergarten Handbook 2017-2018



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Program Philosophy

Young students learn best in an engaging environment that allows them to explore interesting materials, interact with peers and develop skills through play. The role of the adult is to provide appropriate activities, model appropriate skills and behaviors and to support interactions between students. The Creative Curriculum® and Teaching Strategies GOLD skills for development provide the framework for the skills and activities presented in the T2K program.

Beliefs

- We believe that parents are a child's first teacher and should continue to participate in their child's education.
- We believe that support from siblings and extended family members will enhance the child's education.
- We believe opportunities for learning and developing skills occur at school, at home and in the community.
- We believe a strong partnership between home and school offers children increased opportunities to practice developing skills; to generalize skills across environments and to include skills for home and family settings in the educational program.

Pleasant Valley Student/Parent Handbook

Please refer to the Student/Parent Handbook, available through the district website for information about district policies and procedures, including attendance policy and information regarding medications at school. From the district home page, www.pleasval.k12.ia.us, select Bridgeview Elementary from the column on the left side of the page. Then select Student/Parent Handbook under the Bridgeview Links.

Arrival/Dismissal

Parents and students may enter the building at 8:20, with the school day starting at 8:30. Students arriving between 8:05 and 8:20 should go to the playground and join others at Yak n' Trek. As your child gains confidence in being at school, we encourage you to let them walk to the room on their own. Students will be dismissed at 3:00. The teachers will walk students to meet the bus, or to the doors to exit the building through door B. Please refer to the Bridgeview home page for parking lot procedures.

Communication

Communication between home and school is very important for your child's educational beginning. Weekly notes will be sent home informing you of the plans and activities in the classroom. I welcome notes from you, especially those that let me know about special activities or accomplishments - this gives us information to talk about with your child at school. You can reach me by telephone (563) 332-0215 or by email: mullenkarin@pleasval.k12.ia.us. If you call before 8:30 am or after 3:00pm, I may be able to take your call - otherwise you can leave a message, and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Early Release Days - 2017 - 2018

On district early release days, students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm to allow teachers to participate in state mandated professional development activities. These dates are Wednesdays: August 30, September 13, October 4, November 1, December 6, February 7, March 7, April 4, and May 2.

E-news Registration

The Pleasant Valley School District sends all non-confidential information in an electronic format (E-news) instead of paper. Confidential information and information that is specific to a student

or groups of students will not be sent electronically. You can register for e-news through the district's web site - www.pleasval.k12.ia.us

Fees

There are no school fees for students in the T2K program. There is a fee for the daily snack, \$36/semester. Hot lunch is available for \$2.45/day. Students may also bring a cold lunch from home. Milk is available to purchase with a cold lunch for 40¢.

Home Visits/Conferences

Home visits are a wonderful opportunity for us to work together, to help your child grow and learn. The visits will last about an hour. I will bring books and materials from school, to show you some of the activities we've been working on at school. If it works better for your schedule, visits can be scheduled at school. After the initial visit, before school begins, each family will have two more visits during the school year. Additional visits can be scheduled as needed. We will also meet twice during the school year for conferences. At this time, you will receive a written report regarding your child's growth, with strengths and areas for growth noted.

Supplies

Supplies for T2K such as paint, crayons, scissors, and glue are provided. Each child is asked to bring:

- a box of Kleenex for use in the classroom.
- a bag or backpack to carry papers back and forth to school. Please help your child go through the bag each day—look for notes, calendars and wonderful creations. Please make sure that your child's name is written inside their bag.
- a water bottle with a closeable spout.
- a beach towel for rest and read time. Water bottles and towels will be sent home each Friday for washing. Students will be responsible for bringing their towels and bottles back to school on Monday.

I am looking forward to an exciting year of learning in T2K. Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's education.