



August 9, 2019

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Well, we are off and running as this year begins! I want to fill you in on what we have been up to in our kindergarten room this week. On Wednesday through Friday, we discussed different feelings about coming to school. Some of us were happy, some sad, and some scared. The children have shared openly how they felt on the first day of school and how they feel now that they know more about their school and some of the people here. We have come to the conclusion our favorite feeling is being HAPPY!

On Thursday, to learn more about school, we learned about bus and school safety procedures. We have learned about our schedule and rules to follow too. For many weeks to come, we will be learning and reinforcing the rules of the school, classroom and bus. We also started our August journal by drawing a picture of the how we feel.

We have worked in table groups using such math manipulatives as connecting cubes, pattern blocks and teddy bear counters.

This week we have read many books, here are a few of our favorites: *The Big Yellow School Bus*, *If You're Happy And You Know It*, and *The Story of My Feelings*, all which deal with our first week at school.

Please be sure to read online at our South Putnam Central Elementary site the 2019-2020 Central Handbook as it has many

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policies that need to be followed for your child's safety. I really need to stress to you the importance of sending me a note if your child is to go home with someone other than you or to get off the bus at a different location. Likewise, I need a note if you are picking your child up and wish for him/her not to ride the bus home in the afternoon. Also, I need to remind you that if your child is absent please send a note to me explaining your child's absence. If your child sees a doctor during his/her absence please have your doctor fill out an excuse and return it with your child. When your child returns to school he/she will be given homework for the time he/she missed in class. This will need to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. If for some reason you know your child is going to be absent I want you to know that **I DO NOT GIVE HOMEWORK IN ADVANCE** because I am unable to know for sure what all we will cover in class. Please remember that most questions you may have regarding school policies are found in your Central Elementary student handbook; however, feel free to ask any questions regarding these policies.

I am so pleased with the first three days of school and how well the kindergarteners have adjusted. If at any time you have a question and would like to talk with me, I would be very happy to meet with you or give you a call. Just let me know by giving the school a call or dropping me a note and I will set something up that works for the both of us.

Everyone have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Rissler ☺

