

Dear Parents and or Guardians,

We had a great first week in room 104! I'm excited to see what the year ahead of us holds. I am writing this letter to inform you of important things/policies that are happening in our room and at Big Hollow. Please take the time to read this letter and if you have any questions do not hesitate to ask!

Snack time: Starting next week we will have a snack in the morning and in the afternoon. I have been realizing that one snack in the afternoon is not enough seeing that the students do get hungry before our lunch. All snacks must be healthy. Please refer to the healthy snack sheet given to you at supply drop off if you have any questions of what to bring. We have a few nut severe nut allergies in our room **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANYTHING WITH NUTS FOR SNACK!!** This is very important to ensure the safety of each student.

Behavior Chart and Friday Folder: In our classroom each student has a pocket with a green, yellow and red card. If they are not be a S.T.A.R student then they will be asked to flip a card. Once a card is flipped I will record it and so will they in their friday folders. Every friday I ask that you check this folder to see if any cards were flipped and sign it each week. If a card was flipped I will leave a comment saying why, if not I will most likely not leave a comment but if you could still sign the folder and leave any comments you have I would appreciate it. The students are familiar with this system since it is used throughout the whole school.

Lunch: The lunch system is new this year. The students will have to know what they want for breakfast and lunch the day before. For example: if they want a hot lunch on wednesday they will have to tell me on tuesday. The options for lunch are hot, cold (starting September 5th) and sack (or home lunch). If something comes up that morning and your student is sent to school without a home lunch and they did not tell me they wanted a school lunch the day before, it is ok. We were told that they will still receive a lunch. I know this is a little confusing but in order to help the students remember what they are getting the next day I ask that you write it at the bottom of their assignment notebook for that day.

Birthdays: I love birthdays just as much as your kids do, but unfortunately the school policy is no sugar treats. Which means no cupcakes, cookies etc.. I was told that they will be stopped at the door and not brought to the room if brought into the school. I encourage students to bring in things like stickers, pencils or even a take home goodie bag for their birthday. If you do a take home goodie bag you can put candy and other treats inside of it. Treats are only allowed if they can be taken home and not eaten in the classroom. We have 26 students in our class!

Homework: I like to call homework, "Extra Practice". Most grades at Big Hollow do not give out homework (including middle school). I will occasional give the students extra practice activities to work on at home and return to me. These activities will not be graded but I will provide the students with feedback and give it back to them. Although these activities are not graded I will

keep track of who is completing the work given to them and use it as a portion of their "Responsibility" grade. If the students are taking the time to improve their skills with this extra practice then it is showing me that they are being responsible for their learning.

I *really* appreciate all the volunteers that signed up to help with classroom parties and or work in the classroom. I will be contacting you if I need anything! I will be emailing a weekly newsletter to keep you informed on what is happening in our classroom via email. Please keep an eye out for it(:

It is going to be a great year!!

Ms.Jacobs

If you understand and have read the above policies please sign below. Email me any questions that you may have!

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___ I have read the attached document and understand it.

Signature: _____