



Meadow Park Elementary School

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Lisa Livernois, Principal

Dear Meadow Park Parents,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! We are looking forward to seeing all our returning parents and students, as well as meeting the many new families who have moved into the neighborhood. This is our twenty third year at Meadow Park, and we anticipate a strong K-6 educational program that is enriched with many special learning opportunities for all students.

Please note the following information regarding the beginning of school:

- Our childcare is provided by Rainbow Rising. If you have questions about schedules, fees or fall registration, please call the director at (949) 651-0678.
- Class lists will be posted outside the school office **after 4:00 p.m. on September 7**. The first day of school, classroom assignments are considered to be firm, though last minute notification of withdrawals or increased enrollments during the first few days of school may necessitate staffing changes and/or classroom reassignments. It is not uncommon for someone to hear that “so and so” is the only and best teacher to have in “such and such” a grade. Nor is it uncommon for a student to initially feel his teacher is “too mean” or “too strict” or “too” something else. Fortunately, once given a chance to succeed at adapting to a new classroom and building a new student teacher relationship, most parents discover that their child’s placement is working well after all. **Remember, placement was carefully selected for your child by the principal, the grade level team of teachers, and all support personnel.** Students’ attitudes towards their teachers and school are highly influenced by the attitudes of their parents. We can all provide our children with a successful beginning of the school year experience by responding to their classroom assignments with positive enthusiasm.
- There is no supervision at school before 7:55 a.m. Please consider walking to school the first couple days if you live close enough to school. Students who come to school in the family car, should be dropped off and picked up alongside the drop off zone. There is parking on the North side of Blue Lake South if you would like to park and walk your child to line up. After departing the family car, children should walk directly to the supervised blacktop area in back of the school. ***Please DO NOT BRING STUDENTS TO SCHOOL BEFORE 7:55 a.m.***
- When children report for the first day of school, they should line up on the blacktop where they see their teacher’s name written in chalk. The teachers will meet the children

at 8:10 a.m. School personnel will be at the front landing and sides of the school to provide directions to class for anyone having difficulty finding their classroom. Also, please remember that **THURSDAY and FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8-9, are MINIMUM DAYS for grade 1-6 students.** All students will be released at 1:00 p.m.

Kindergarten parents will receive information about first day procedures from the kindergarten staff.

- Meadow Park Elementary School will provide all of the necessary supplies for your child to have a quality educational experience. However, you may choose to assist the school by purchasing supplies for your student. Student supply lists may be found on our website(www.iusd.org/mp). Any donations are greatly appreciated!

Student Planners for grades 3-6 will be given to the students on the first day of school this year.

- The 2010-2011 bell schedule is as follows:
 - Kindergarten Early Birds 8:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 - Kindergarten Later Gators 10:10 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
 - Grades 1-3 8:10 a.m. – 2:04 p.m.
 - Grades 4-6 8:10 a.m. – 2:39 p.m.
- Children can buy a hot lunch or bring a sack lunch. Milk can be purchased for \$.75, and a school lunch, including milk, costs \$3.25. The menu includes a choice of entrée with salad, fruit and milk.
- Since we continue to enroll new students, we will be organizing our classes up to September 8. Continuing enrollment and laws related to class sizes in grades 1-3 may make it necessary to reorganize some classes after the beginning of school as we gain additional pupils.
- **Important date to calendar:**
 - September 20, Tuesday
 - 8:10 a.m. PTA Welcome Back Coffee

Hopefully, this communication answers most of your general questions about the beginning of school. If you have concerns, please contact the school office at (949) 936-5900. In the meantime, the staff and I are getting ready to greet you and your children on Thursday.

Sincerely,
Lisa Livernois
Principal