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Happy New Year!

Despite delays, the 2011-2012 school year has begun and we are off and running! The first day of school is history and everyone is settling into their new classrooms, making new friends and adjusting to new schedules.

Just like students, parents have been given "homework" to complete. Please be sure to review and return the many forms which have been sent home in the first days of school. This information is very

important for the safety of our students and the smooth operation of our school.

Mark your calendar and be sure to join us for an open house on September 13 for Grades 1-5.



Please call if you have any questions. Our office hours are 8:00a.m until 4:00p.m.

Students of the Month

Each month our school focuses on a different Word of the Month which represents a specific character trait. Throughout the month this character trait is emphasized in school wide and classroom centered activities. At the end of the month teachers in

grades 1-5 select a student who exemplifies this particular trait. Students of the Month are recognized with a certificate and a variety of rewards and may be selected to read morning announcements.



September's Word of the Month is Dedication

Important F. Y. I.

Middle Smithfield Pledge
A Middle Smithfield Student
 is
Responsible,
Respectful,
Cooperative,
Courteous and
Well behaved.
A Middle Smithfield student
is ready to learn and allows
others to learn.

Reminders

Whether you are a veteran parent or a new comer to Middle Smithfield Elementary, here is some very important information.

Dress Code (policy 221)

Children should be dressed appropriately for active play. Items of clothing considered inappropriate include spandex shorts, tank tops, flip-flops, clothing advertising drugs, alcohol or tobacco products.

Attendance (policy 204)

Daily attendance and punctuality is crucial to learning. Acceptable reasons for ab-

sence include illness or appointment, court appearance or family emergency. A written excuse must be submitted within 3 days of the absence.

Lunch Accounts

Students may bring a lunch or purchase lunch. Each child is assigned an individual lunch account and parents may deposit cash or checks. Credit cards may be used by visiting www.cafeprepay.com.

Items from Home (policy 237)

Students should not bring valuables to school. Cell phones must be kept in back-

pack or locker and turned off during school hours.

Change in Information

Please notify the school whenever there is a change in phone, address or custody arrangements.

.Additional information may be found in the student handbook which is given to every student at the beginning of the school year or by checking our web site, www.esasd.net and click on **policies**.

PTO News



Yard Sale

September 17



Join PTO !

Dues are \$5 per child

Members receive \$10 per child toward field trip.



Book Fair

September 19-23

Upcoming Events



Mark your calendar so you don't miss out on these important events!



Labor Day —
Schools Closed

September 2 & 5



Fall Portraits

September 27

OPEN HOUSE FOR GRADES 1-5

September 13

7:00pm

Meet the Teacher

Visit the Classroom

Join PTO

