**HARDEMAN PRESCHOOL**

**PROGRAM**

**HANDBOOK**

**2019-2020**



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**HARDEMAN R-10 School**

**2019 – 2020 Approved School Calendar**

**August 2019**

**1st School Registration**

**13 New Staff Work**

**14, 15, 19 & 20 Staff Work Days**

**21 First Day of School**

**September**

**2 No School-Labor Day \*Us and MHS**

**October**

**2 Early Out at 12 Noon-Prof Dev. \*MHS E/O at 12:30**

**18 End of First Quarter (42 Days)**

**24 Early Out at 12 Noon +MHS E/O at 12:30**

**\*then Parent Teacher Conferences (12:30 to 7)**

**25 No School\*Us and MHS**

**November**

**6 Early Out at 12 Noon-Prof Dev. \*MHS E/O at 12:30**

**27, 28 & 29 No School-Thanksgiving \*Us and MHS**

**December**

**4 Early Out at 12 Noon-Prof Dev. \*MHS E/O at 12:30**

**20 Early Out at 12 Noon - End of 2nd Quarter (41 Days) \* MHS E/O at 12:30**

**23-31 No School-Christmas & New Year’s Break**

**January 2020**

**1-3 No School – New Year’s Break**

**3 Staff Work Day**

**6 Third Quarter Begins \*Us and MHS**

**20 No School-ML King Birth \*Us and MHS**

**February**

**5 Early Out at 12 Noon -Prof Dev. \*MHS E/O at 12:30**

**17 No School-President’s Day \*Us and MHS**

**28 End of Third Quarter (38 Days)**

**March**

**4 Early Out at 12 Noon -Prof Dev. \*MHS E/O at 12:30**

**Week of March 2 Second Sem. Conferences will be ONLY provided on “As Needed Basis”**

**Your child (ren) homeroom teacher will contact you ONLY if needed.**

**25, 26 & 27 No School \*Us and MHS - Spring Break**

**April**

**1 Early Out at 12 Noon -Prof Dev. \*MHS E/O at 12:30**

**10 No School – Good Friday – Us & MHS**

**13 No School – Easter Break – Us & MHS**

**May**

**12 Last Day!! Early Out at 12 Noon -End of 4th Quarter (48 Days)**

**++MHS E/Out at 12:30**

**TOTAL DAYS OF SCHOOL = 168 Days with 1081 hours and 25 minutes**

**\*\*\*36 Weather Make-Up Hours are included in this calendar. Additional hours will be added at the end of the school year as needed\*\*\***

**\*\*PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD (CHILDREN) HAVE A PLAN FOR PROMPT PICK UP AT 12:00 Noon ON THE ABOVE UNDERLINED EARLY OUT DATES, IF NOT A BUS RIDER\*\* THANK YOU**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**As of the 2014-2015 school year, all enrolling preschool students must have reached the age of three on or before August 1st.  We will only accept four year olds after the first two weeks of school.  Three year olds are welcome as long as they are enrolled prior to the first day of second semester.**

**A good Preschool Program provides your child with the companionship of children their own age in an environment scaled to his or her needs, under trained adult supervision.  In addition to the child-directed play and activities such as dress-up, blocks, sensory table, dramatic play and kitchen area, there are adult-directed activities such as storytelling, reading, singing, games, art and computers.  Some of the things that enrich a child’s experience in Preschool are:**

**1.  Companionship with others their own age with similar interests and abilities**

**2.  Learning to share**

**3.  Opportunities for creative expression in painting, blocks, play dough, cutting, pasting and etc.**

**4.  Quiet concentration with books, puzzles and etc.**

**5.  Dramatic play including dolls, kitchen, dress-up, etc.**

**6.  Music, such as listening, singing, dancing and rhythm**

**7.  Stories, finger plays and poems**

**8.  Outside play to develop gross motor skills**

**9.  Development of kindergarten readiness skills**

**CURRICULUM**

**Our preschool teacher has been trained in Project Construct curriculum.  This curriculum allows for environmental print, dramatic play, and peer and social interactions.  The teacher is also well versed in the Missouri Early Learning Standards which provide the scope and sequence for:**

***LITERACY***

Symbolic Development -Represents feelings and ideas in a variety of ways

Speaking/Expressive Language- Uses language to communicate and uses expanded vocabulary

Listening and Receptive Language- Listens for different purposes.

Reading- Applies early reading skills, Uses concepts of print, Attends to sounds in language. (Phonological Awareness)

***MATH***

Number and Operations- Uses number to show quantity, Uses language to represent number of objects, Solves problems using number, Uses numerical representation

Geometry and Spatial Sense- Investigates positions and locations, Explores shapes in the environment

Patterns and Relationships- Recognizes relationships in the environment, Uses patterns in the environment

Measurement- Makes comparisons, Uses measurement

Exploring Data (Probability)- Collects, organizes and displays information.

***Physical Development, Health and Safety***

Physical Development- Uses gross motor skills with purpose and coordination, Uses fine motor skills with purpose and control, Responds to sensory input to function in the environment

Health-Practices healthy behaviors

Safety- Practices safe behaviors

***Science***

Physical Science- Explores physical properties of objects and materials, Investigates properties of objects and materials, Solves problems involving physical properties of objects and materials,  Represents observations of the physical world in a variety of ways

Life Science- Explores characteristics of living things, Investigates characteristics of living things, Solves problems related to living things,  Represents observations about living things in a variety of ways

Earth and Space- Explores properties of earth and space, Investigates properties of earth and space, Solves problems involving earth and space, Represents observations about earth and space in a variety of ways

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***Social and Emotional Development***

Knowledge of Self- Exhibits self-awareness, Develops self-control, Develops personal responsibility

Knowledge of Others- Builds relationships of mutual trust and respect with others, Works cooperatively with children and adults

Approaches to Learning- Shows curiosity, Takes initiative,  Exhibits creativity, Shows confidence, Displays persistence, Uses problem-solving skills

**We encourage parent involvement and offer an opportunity for parents to learn some of the needs of their preschool child and for the parent and child to grow together in a Preschool setting.  Parent involvement gives the parent additional understanding of their child by observing him or her in action with a group.  The Preschool Program provides a shared experience for parent and child through our parent involvement program.**

**If you have a specific day or time you are available to volunteer, please contact the Preschool teacher (Mrs. Michelle Whyte) at the school at (660) 837-3400.  You may want to go along with field trips or share a special talent.  Be as involved as you want to be and have a great year.**

**HOURS**

**The Preschool Program will be in operation during regular Hardeman School hours.**

**School  Hours are from 7:40 to 2:45     \*\*   Early Out days are from 7:40 to 12:00.**

**Students are to be picked up from the back parking lot adjacent to Highway 41.**

**Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m.**

**Students are not allowed to enter the school until 7:20 a.m. All students that are not being dropped off by the bus should be dropped off in the parking lot that is adjacent to Highway 41.  All students should leave the school building/grounds at 2:45 unless they are under the direct supervision of a teacher or sponsor.  Students being picked up afterschool should also be picked up in the parking lot that is adjacent to Highway 41.**

**If your Preschooler is over 4 and a bus rider, buses load and unload in the East parking lot (directly in front of the school)**

**If you need to pick up your preschooler during the school day, please come to the front office and have Mrs. Leimkuehler sign the student out on the check-out sheet.  This is a security measure for the safety of your child.  Students will not be allowed to leave school with anyone other than their legal parent or guardian unless written permission is given from that parent or guardian.  A telephone call will be accepted only if there is an emergency and the identity of the caller can be verified.**

**VISITORS**

**Visitors are welcome at any time.  All visitors must check in with the office when first entering the school building.  Please refrain from use of tobacco products while on the school premises.**

**CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER**

**Preschool follows the same daily schedule as the other Hardeman students, so when classes are cancelled due to weather conditions, it will be broadcast over KMMO radio station of Marshall (102.9FM).   Text alerts will also be sent. Our Text alert letter and directions are attached on page 13 and 14.)   Early dismissals will also be announced on KMMO, as soon as the decision has been made.**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**\*\*To attend, a child must be three (3) years old by August 1st.**

**\*\*Children must be up-to-date on all immunizations to attend and**

**current immunization records of the child must be filed during enrollment.**

**\*\*Children must be toilet trained.**

***\*\*\*A two week advance deposit for each child must be made during the first week of school***

***Or        at enrollment, whichever is earliest\*\*\****

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**FEES AND MEAL INFORMATION**

**Tuition may be paid by check or cash.  If paying with cash, be sure to request a receipt from the school secretary.  If more than one child from the same family is attending Preschool, the full amount of tuition is paid for each child.  Tuition bills are sent home every Friday with the stipulation that IF payment is not received within two weeks, the child will lose their spot in the Preschool Program until bill amount is paid in full and the situation will be referred to the Board of Education for further action.  If your child is ineligible for preschool more than three times for failure to pay, they will not be allowed to return for the remainder of the year.**

***The advance deposit  will cover the final two weeks of the child’s attendance.*  Tuition will be $15.00 for each day for five days per week and $16.00 per day for four days or less.  Half day prices will be $9.00 for every day students and $10.00 per day for four days or less students.  Tuition fees include breakfast and lunch charges. Extra milk is available for 40 cents and an extra cookie on Extra Cookie Fridays (ONLY when pre-ordered) is 25 cents. All Adult meals will be $1.79 for Breakfasts and $3.01 for Lunch (per tray). The Hardeman R-10 School District’s most current Wellness Plan and Food Safety Plan may be viewed on the school web site at www.hardemanschool.com.**

**2019-2020 \*\*USDA Non-discrimination Statement: In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.**

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**(1)      mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture (2)      fax: (202) 690-7442; or**

**Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights**

**1400 Independence Avenue, SW (3)      email:** [**program.intake@usda.gov**](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)**.**

**Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; This institution is an equal opportunity provider.**

**No refund will be made for absences, since the operating costs continue and the space is reserved for your child.  The only exceptions will be when a doctor’s statement is provided upon the day the student returns to school.  Any other circumstances concerning extended absences, will be dealt with on an individual basis and final determination will be made by the Principal.**

**TRANSPORTATION BY PARENTS**

**Starting Preschool is a very important event in a child’s life!  Some children adjust very well, while others may not because of being a new situation.  If you child has difficulty separating, devise a plan to help your child become actively engaged in an activity before you leave.  You may want to develop a “secret code” with your child to help him or her feel secure in the surroundings.  Families with Preschool students must make their own arrangements for transportation to and from school and on planned field trips, if the student is under 4 years old.  If needed, a school official may drive your three year if appropriate booster seat is provided by the parent/guardian.**

**TRANSPORTATION BY BUS**

**Families living in the Hardeman School district, have the privilege of using bus transportation to and from school.  Preschoolers must be 4 years old before they may begin riding the bus to and from school, and on any planned field trips.  Therefore, any Preschooler under 4 years old, will need to be transported by their parents to and from school and on any planned field trips.  However, a permission form for 3 year olds to ride with staff members or parent volunteers (with proper insurance coverage) was included with the enrollment forms so that your Preschooler may be transported in a personal vehicle.  This form will be kept on file in the office for one school year.  Also, proper child restraint (car seats) must be provided prior to leaving on a trip.  If no car seat is provided, other arrangements will be needed.**

**Students riding the school bus will be picked up and dropped off at appointed stops.  In the event your child is not able to self-supervise, it will be the parent/guardians responsibility to make supervision arrangements.  Students will not be permitted to stay on the bus past their designed stop.  Personnel have no affirmative duty to asses if a student’s parent or guardian is available.**

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**WITHDRAWL**

**When parents wish to withdraw their children from the Hardeman Preschool Program, it is essential that the school be notified at least two weeks before termination.  This notifications should also be in writing and dated.**

**BIRTHDAYS**

**Students may celebrate their birthday at school. A cake, cupcakes, or another favorite treat is acceptable. Parents may want to provide drinks, party favors, etc. Parents may also send a video to watch during rest time to celebrate. Invitations to birthday parties and other parties may only be distributed at school if every child in the class receives one.  All birthday party dates need to be discussed with the teacher.**

**SCHOOL PARTIES**

**Classroom parties are at the discretion of the teacher. The school will also celebrate the following holidays, with classroom parties: Halloween, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, and Easter.**

**IMMUNIZATIONS/INOCULATIONS**

**2019-2020 Missouri School Immunization Requirements**

**All students must present documentation of up-to-date immunization status, including month, day, and year of each immunization before attending school. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) allows a 4-day grace period. Students in all grade levels may receive immunizations up to four days before the due date. Required immunizations should be administered according to the current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Schedule, including all spacing, (**[**http://www.cdc**](http://www.cdc)**. gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html).**

**To remain in school, students "in progress" must have an Immunization In Progress form (Imm.P.14) on file. In progress means that a child has begun the vaccine series and has an appointment for the next dose. This appointment must be kept and an updated record provided to the school. If the appointment is not kept, the child is no longer in progress and is noncompliant. (i.e., Hep B vaccine series was started but the child is not yet eligible to receive the next dose in the series.) Religious (Imm.P.11A) and Medical (Imm.P.12) exemptions are allowed. The appropriate exemption card must be on file. Unimmunized children are subject to exclusion from school when outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases occur.**

**VACCINES REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

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| **GRADES** | **K** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** |
| DTaP/DTP/DT 1 | 4+ | 4+ | 4+ | 4+ | 4+ | 4+ | 4+ | 4+ | 4+ | 4+ | 4+ | 4+ | 4+ |
| Tdap 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| MCV 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| IVP (Polio) 4 | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ |
| MMR 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Hepatitis B 6 | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ | 3+ |
| Varicella 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

**1. Last dose on or after the fourth birthday and the last dose of pediatric pertussis before the seventh birthday. Maximum needed: six doses.**

**2. 8-12 Grades: Tdap, which contains pertussis vaccine, is required.**

**3. Grade 8-11: One dose of MCV is required. Dose must be given after 10 years of age.**

**Grade 12: Two doses of MCV are required unless the first dose was administered to a student who was 16 years of age or older, in which case only one dose is required. At least one dose must be given after 16 years of age.**

**4. Kindergarten-9 Grade: Last dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday. The interval between the next-to-last and last dose should be at least six months.**

**10-12 Grades: Last dose on or after the fourth birthday. Any combination of four doses of IPV and OPV constitutes a complete series. Maximum needed: four doses.**

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**5. First dose must be given on or after twelve months of age.**

**6. There must be at least four weeks between dose one and two; at least 8 weeks between dose two and three; at least 16 weeks between doses one and three and final dose must be given no earlier than 24 weeks of age.**

**7. First dose must be given on or after twelve months of age.**

**Kindergarten-9 Grade: As satisfactory evidence of disease, a licensed health care provider may sign and place on file with the school a written statement documenting the month and year of previous varicella (chickenpox) disease.**

**10-12 Grades: As satisfactory evidence of disease, a parent/guardian or MD or DO may sign and place on file with the school a written statement documenting the month and year of previous varicella (chickenpox) disease.**

**\*\*Information per Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services**. Bureau of Immunizations at 930 Wildwood Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109. 1-800-219-3224 Revised 11-18

**Preschoolers will follow the State of Missouri requirements for immunizations, just as all other students.  We make verbal contact on day 1 when immunizations are needed and they have 5 days to get at least an “in progress” statement. After 5 days, they are excluded from school.**

**In certain special situations, exemptions or “In Progress” statements may be needed.**

1. **If a student has received all immunizations that are age appropriate but has not completed the minimum required for school attendance, the parent/guardian must obtain an “In Progress” card from a physician or health department that identifies when the next dose is due.**
2. **If the student cannot receive the needed immunization (s) for medical reasons, a medical exemptions will be completed and signed by a physician and filed in the student’s health record at school**
3. **If the parent/guardian objects to immunizations for religious reasons, an exemption must be signed by the parent/guardian and verified by the school nurse/aide. This must be renewed annually, Protection against disease as a desirable measure for the protection of the student will continue to be emphasized.**

**HEALTH ROOM INFORMATION AND MEDICATIONS**

**A student health form must be filled out completely.  This information is shared only with necessary personnel.  The school Health Room (Nurse’s Office) in our school building is to be used for school related injuries and accidents or if a student becomes ill at school.  If a child becomes ill during the school day, the parent/guardian will be notified, in the order indicated on the health form.  If the parent or guardian cannot be reached first, then we will begin called from the call list.  Please be sure to keep the call list and health history current.**

**CHILDREN *SHOULD NOT* COME TO SCHOOL ILL !!!!!  If they are running a fever, have diarrhea or are vomiting, please keep them at home, until they have been symptom free for 24 hours.  The student will not be allowed to participate or attend any school related functions during this period.  This includes, but is not limited, to games,  programs , PTO functions, etc.  If your child returns to school or school functions prior to the 24 hour time frame, they will need to be accompanied with a doctor’s statement.**

**If your child has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, they will be sent home by appropriate school personnel.  If they have vomited or have diarrhea and are sent home, they will not be allowed to return until they have been symptom and temperature free for 24 hours, unless they return with a doctor’s statement.**

**If you kept your child home on a given day due to illness, they will not be permitted to ANY after school functions as a participant or as a spectator**.

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**Medications should be given at home if at all possible.  All medications given at school will be governed thru the Health Room and MUST be turned into the classroom teacher or in the office at the beginning of each school day.  All medications MUST come in the original labeled bottle or original over the counter container.  Any pharmacy will label two bottles for prescriptions upon request.  Medicines given during school hours must be accompanied by either a doctor’s note or a note from the parent or guardian with specific dosage and time.   Medications will be given only as requested in the note.  Medications will not be given after 3 p.m.**

**Medication that is opened and sent in a zip-lock baggie, even with a proper note, will NOT be administered.  Only medicines in the original labeled bottles or boxes will be given.**

**If a student is unable to have recess or PE due to health reasons, a note from the parent is required BEFORE they are excused from activity.  If the condition requires your child to stay in for more than 5 days, a doctor’s note is required before they will be they will be excused.**

**Head Lice**

**Each year thousands of school children are infected with head lice. It is a problem in all communities. Lice are highly communicable and difficult to prevent, making it very important for the entire family to be checked often. Many people wrongly associate lice with unclean people or homes. There is no connection. Frequent bathing or shampooing will not prevent lice nor eliminate them once they are established. Lice cannot jump or fly; they are usually transmitted by contact with infested persons, wearing infested clothing, or by using an infested comb or brush. Children should be warned against sharing hats, clothing, or grooming aids with others. Household pets do not transmit lice. What do you look for? Lice are small insects about the size of a sesame seed. They are usually light brown, but can vary in color. Diagnosis is more often made on the basis of finding nits (eggs). Nits are tiny, yellowish-white oval specks attached to hair shafts. Nits may be found throughout the hair but are most often located at the nape of the neck, behind the ears, and on the crown of the head. It helps to use a magnifying glass and natural light when looking for them. Before one family is treated, all should be examined. Those showing evidence of infestation should all be treated at the same time. If your family is infested, please notify your child’s school, daycare provider, etc., so other parents can be alerted to a possible outbreak. Also notify parent of your child’s playmates.**

**Pink Eye**

**Pink eye (conjunctivitis) is an inflammation or infection of the transparent membrane (conjunctiva) that lines your eyelid and covers the white part of your eyeball. When small blood vessels in the conjunctiva become inflamed, they're more visible. This is what causes the whites of your eyes to appear reddish or pink.**

**Pink eye is commonly caused by a bacterial or viral infection or an allergic reaction. It may affect one or both eyes. Pink eye can be irritating, but it rarely affects your vision. Treatments can help ease the discomfort of pink eye. Because pink eye can be contagious, early diagnosis and treatment can help limit its spread.**

**Pink eye may affect one or both eyes. Its signs and symptoms include:   Redness, Itchiness, A gritty feeling, Tearing and A discharge that forms a crust during the night that may prevent your eye or eyes from opening in the morning.**

**When to see a doctor- Make an appointment with your doctor if you notice any signs or symptoms you think might be pink eye. Pink eye can be highly contagious for as long as two weeks after signs and symptoms begin. Early diagnosis and treatment can protect people around you from getting pink eye too.**

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**SCHOOL EVACULATION AND REUNIFICATION**

In working with the Saline County Sheriff’s Department, it was decided that an area within our school safety plan that needed to be further developed is establishing a reunification station for our students and our families.

This reunification destination would be only utilized in the event that faculty and students have to evacuate the school property and cannot return (gas leak, fire, etc.)

Law enforcement and school personnel have decided that the best location for reunification with students and their families is at the property of Erich and Hannah Meyer. Their address is 20642 Highway AA, Marshall, MO. This is located approximately ¼ a mile south from the school and is situated on the left hand side of Highway AA if you are traveling toward the Sappington Cemetery from the school.

If property evacuation were ever necessary, you would most likely be notified by a school official and you would be directed to go to the Meyer property to be united with your child or children. However, in the event that communication is not available, please be aware if the school were deemed inaccessible.

The administration will train staff and students so that they may be further prepared in an emergency situation that requires property evacuation. We will educate students how to properly cross 41 Highway, and we will have several staff acting as crossing guards to ensure student’s safety.

Administration will continue working in conjunction with the Saline County Sheriff’s Department to keep our staff and student’s education and our efforts coordinated.

Please call the school if you have any questions at 660-837-3400.

Administration: Mrs. Forrester & Mr. Vaillancourt

**SHOW AND TELL**

**Your child may bring something to share for show and tell on the last day of the week. You should discuss with your child what he or she is bringing, so he is comfortable talking about it with the class. Our preschoolers like to have “secret” show and tell. Your child should be able to tell three things about their show and tell. After each clue, the other children guess what it is. It is helpful if they bring it in their backpack or another bag.**

**AFTER SCHOOL PLAN**

**As e-mail has become a preferred method of communication, if there is going to be a change in your child’s plan for after school, please initiate the e-mail before 10:00 am.  After 10:00 am, there is no guarantee that the staff will be able to check their e-mail for the remainder of the day.  After 10:00 am, all correspondence must be made by phone call to the main office.  If you have not received a reply by 12:00 pm from the staff that you e-mailed, please assume they are absent that day and contact the office.  The school would prefer that important changes to your child’s plan for after school be made by a phone call to the office.  Please make yourself aware of early dismissal dates as indicated on the school calendar in the front of this handbook and have a plan for your child(ren) promptly at 12:00 Noon.**

**TOYS**

**Parents are expected to discourage children from bringing toys to preschool for the purpose of play. Toys may be brought only for show and tell or rest time and then will be put away.**

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**DRESS**

**Parents, please choose clothes that will wash easily or that can be bleached. Play clothes are fine. Your child should be dress appropriately for outdoor play. We will play in the gym on rainy or bitterly cold days. This means hats, mittens, or gloves, and snow boots. When girls wear dresses, cover legs with tights, or send sweat pants to wear outside. Soft-soled shoes such as sneakers are required. *No hard-soled boots and please refrain from allowing your child to wear flip flops or other shoes that are not secure on their feet.*  Send an extra set of clothes in your child’s backpack in case of an accident.  Tank top straps must be one inch wide and shorts must be at least finger tip length.  Muscle shirts that expose below the armpit area should not be worn.**

**RECESS GUIDELINES**

**Outdoor recesses will NOT TAKE PLACE when the outside temperatures are 32 degrees or less  OR  if the temperature when combined with the wind chill factor is 25 degrees or less.  Therefore, please dress your child appropriately for outside play; coats, hats, gloves, etc. for when the temperature is 33 degrees and above.**

**CLASS PICTURES**

**Class pictures will be taken once during the year and may be purchased by parents. Children traditionally dress up for picture day. When the day for pictures has been set, you will receive a note containing all the details.**

**FIELD TRIPS**

**The Board of Education believes that field and activity trips often enhance the program of instruction and add much to the education of a student. A permanent permission slip will be signed at enrollment and reminders will be sent home to families prior to each trip. A signed permanent permission slip must be on file before your child will be allowed to attend trips. We also recommend that parents refrain from the use of tobacco products while acting as supervisors of Hardeman R-X students.**

**CONFERENCES**

**Parent-teacher conferences may be held once during the school year, or as needed.  Please feel free to ask the teacher any questions or concerns you may have anytime throughout the school year.  They will be held during third quarter.**

**BOOK ORDER INFORMATION**

**You may receive book order forms once a month. In return for sending in orders, the book company sends our class new books. Should you wish to order books, return you order form and payment by the date listed on the order form. Checks should be made payable to the teacher, or cash may be sent in a sealed envelope with the order form. You are never under any obligation to purchase books.**

**CLASSROOM AND PLAYGROUND RULES**

1. **Students will participate in activities without distracting or endangering other students.**
2. **Students will use normal voice levels in the classroom, hallway, and lunchroom.**
3. **Students will walk in the classroom and hallway.**
4. **Students will use a signal (raise their hand or gently touch the arm) to speak when another person is speaking.**

**DISCIPLINARY POLICY**

**Love and Logic by Jim Fay and Foster W. Cline, M.D., is used in the Hardeman Preschool. This technique establishes the desired classroom climate where students take responsibility for their own actions and behaviors. Our goal is to help children develop a positive self-image. We want to create the belief in the student’s mind that we know they will handle their behavior in a positive way.**

**PEER/SELF-DISCIPLINE**

1. **One student tells another student, “Stop a specific action.”**
2. **The student says, “If you don’t stop, I’m going to tell.”**
3. **The student tells an adult.**

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**DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

1. **Call the child’s attention to the misbehavior and ask him/her to correct it.**
2. **Remove the child from the situation and get him/her involved in another activity.**
3. **Ask the child to take a time-out in a chair for indoor reprimands or a time-out by the teacher for outdoor reprimands.**
4. **The teacher will immediately step in to stop a physical fight of any kind between two or more children.**

**GENERAL HEALTH POLICIES**

**In order to reduce the spread of colds and germs, each child will wash his/her hands several times periodically during the day, especially after restroom breaks and before meals. When a child shows any sign of illness or possible infection, it is the responsibility of each family to keep the child home. Please keep your child home with any of these symptoms of illness:**

1. **An elevated temperature (more than 99 oral, 100 rectal)**
2. **A bad cold (a sore throat, runny nose, continuous cough)**
3. **An ear ache or discharge**
4. **Inflamed eyes or discharge from the eyes**
5. **Any contagious rash or rash of unknown origin**
6. **Stomach upset (vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps)**

**If a child should unknowingly expose the class to a contagious disease, such as chicken pox, please notify the school so other parents can be informed.  Special medical problems or allergies should be noted on the enrollment papers.**

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

**During special events/circumstances and classroom use for academic purposes, student use of personal electronics will be allowed at the discretion of the administration.  This district will not be responsible for lost/stolen or damaged items. In the event that electronic devices are discovered being used without proper permission they will be confiscated by administration. Repeated offenses will result in disciplinary action by the school administration.**

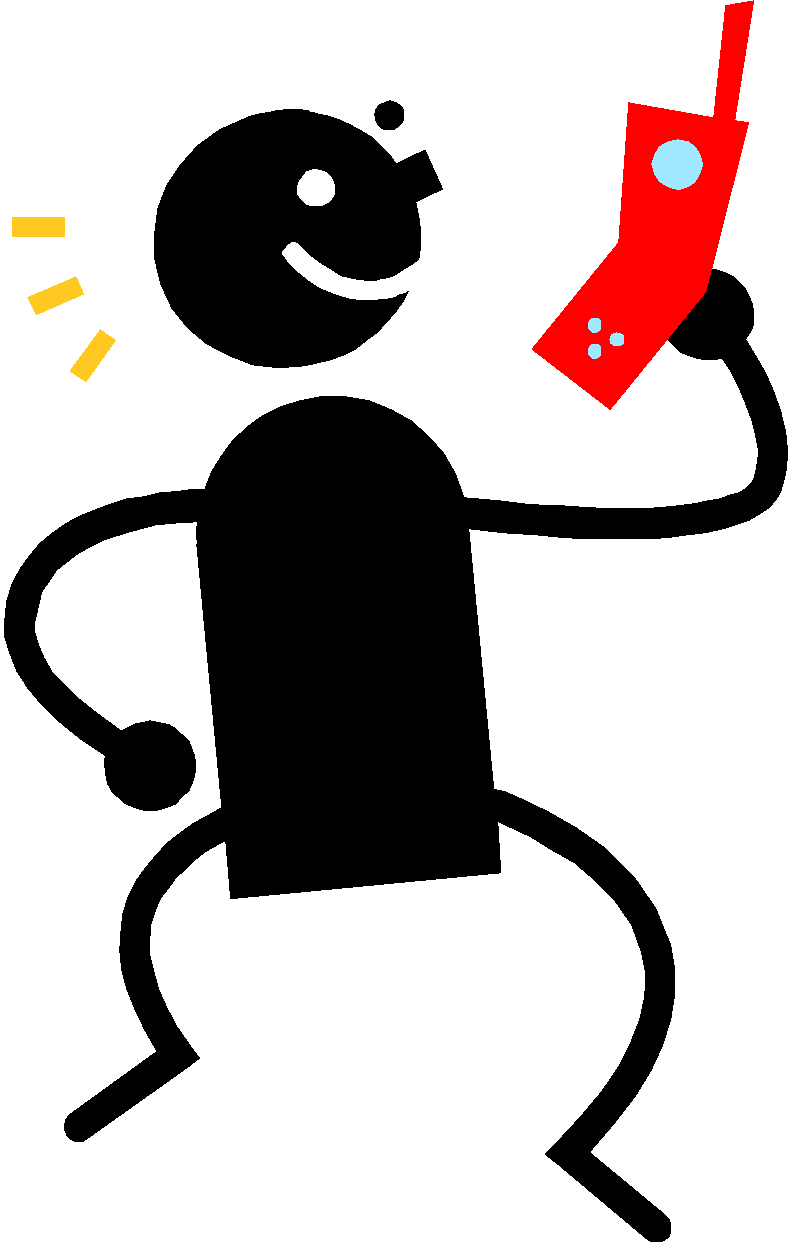
**PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ANYTIME**

**THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.  WE ARE HAPPY THAT YOU DECIDED TO BEGIN YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION HERE WITH THE HARDEMAN PRESCHOOL PROGRAM.**

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August 2019 Dear Parents/Guardians,

Great news! Hardeman School will continue implementing the text alert program called “Remind”. This program will allow the school to conveniently notify you of any changes in the current schedule, such as changes in sports practices and games, inclement weather days, etc. These messages will be sent out via text messages through your cellular device. Messaging and data rates will apply through your cell phone provider.



The school has three categories. These categories include basketball parents, cheerleader parents and all Hardeman Hornet parents. In order to receive these messages you will need to sign up by following the included instructions. Each category must be signed up for separately. You cannot send one message with all three codes. Therefore, if you have children in both basketball and cheerleading then you will need to sign up for all three categories. The three codes are set up on the attached form in the section labeled “Text This Message”.

Text alerts about early outs and school cancellations due to inclement weather will be in addition to sending out the word through KMMO. We are very excited about this new convenient way to inform our parents and hope you will sign up to receive these text alerts!

**Please note- if you are already signed up, you do not need to sign up again.**

Sincerely,          Mrs. Forrester

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