

Bogdan Bulletin

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Welcome to TDS's 19th year serving Dickson County!

We had a wonderful first week of school and look forward to our kindergarten students joining us this Wednesday!

Thank you for bearing with us as we strive to improve our playground. When we opened our building in 1999, our fenced-in play area was a \$50,000.00 expense. You can imagine how prices have increased. We have run into a multitude of challenges and want to be good stewards with the monies you raised. We have updated the volleyball net, installed additional basketball goals and purchased new/additional balls to be used by students on the playground. We tried an economic approach with a new piece of equipment and it was broken before the end of the school year. By law, we have procedures and processes we have to follow, and there are times when those procedures and processes are the very things that hold up progress. The money is still in an account dedicated to this cause. Like you, I would like to see more immediate results for our students.

Last year we noticed an increase in inappropriate language permeating our building. I am not referring to profanity, but words or phrases that are degrading, rude, and substituted for profanity. We will work hard this year to help our children make better choices with language used in our classroom communities. When incidents occur, we will send home a discipline form with the specific word or phrasings so you can better understand what we will not allow in our classrooms.

I can tell you all are working hard on attendance, tardies, and check outs. This week in our **Strive for 5** emphasis, students who attend all five days with no tardies or check-outs will earn a pencil. Students with no more than 2 absences this block will earn a dress down day. Students with perfect attendance (no tardies/no check-outs) for the whole block will earn 15 extra minutes of gym time.

I try to maintain an open door policy, but some days are busier than others. Anytime you have a question, comment or concern, please feel free to stop by and see me. If you are short on time, my home number is 615-446-9874.

In the past we have not offered morning daycare to our students because we have not had a great need. I have the office doors open by 7:00 AM for those that need to drop your child early. If you would use our morning daycare 5 days a week please indicate below, sign and return to school tomorrow.

_____ I would use The Discovery School Daycare every morning, 5 days a week.

Child's name _____ Grade _____

Parent's Signature _____