



## Get a Great Start to Make Your Child's Year a Success

How you start the school year can determine how well the rest of the year will go. Teachers and parents agree doing these things helps ensure children get off to a great start:

**\*Review safety lessons**—how to walk to school safely or ride the bus; classroom and school rules for behavior.

**\*Provide the supplies.** It is important that your child start school with necessary supplies. If you need assistance, please contact the office. The Fairland Police Department conducted a boot drive to help with this need.

**\*Put your child's name on things so they won't get lost.**

**\*Set the scene for homework.** Match the environment to child's work style. Some children need quiet. Others are helped by a little sound—like classical music.

**\*Start your morning at night.** Help your child choose the day's clothes. Gather homework and sign school papers. Line up breakfast plans.

**\*Establish bedtime and homework routines.** Pick a time that your child will do homework and go to bed. Then stick to it.

**\*Don't over schedule your child.** Give him time to unwind after school. Make sure he has free time to just play every day.

**\*Meet your child's teacher.** How can you help her? Ask about homework. How can you help your child at home?

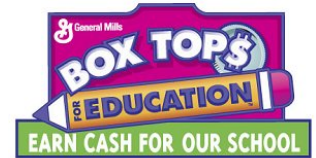
*The child's first and most influential teacher is the parent.*



## Phone Calls

If you need to speak to a teacher please call during “non-teaching” times such as before or after school, plan time or lunch. You may also leave a message using the teacher's voice mail. Please do not leave any messages regarding transportation on voice mail. Voice mail often is not checked until after school. We understand that you may need to call regarding transportation, but please let your child know how they are supposed to get home before sending them to school when possible. Send a note to your child's teacher with any changes. This will help not tie up the phone lines and interrupt class.

Please help us this year by clipping Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite brands and send them to school. Each box top is worth .10. Money collected will be used to purchase playground equipment for our school. The class with the most Box Tops each month will earn a special treat for their classroom. Look for products with this coupon, cut it out and send it to school.



## After-School Chats

“What's in your backpack?” Greet your child with this question and you'll discover a lot about what she does in class.

Set aside time each day to go through her papers. Try to do it first thing after school when her day is fresh in her mind.

Look over your youngster's work together. Help her feel proud by making a specific comment about something she's done.

Have her talk through math problems or science experiments to show you what she's learned. For example, she might explain how she finds the perimeter of a triangle or why ants dig tunnels.

# Alexander Elementary



## Parents Make A Difference!

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### SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER CALENDAR

Labor Day- Monday, September 5. No School

Progress Reports- Thursday, September 8.

Parent/Teacher Conferences (Day 1)- Thursday, September 8. 3:30PM to 6:30PM

Picture Retakes- Monday, September 19.

Parent/Teacher Conferences (Day 2)- Thursday, September 15. 3:30PM to 6:30PM

Friday, September 16- No School

Book Fair- Monday, September 26 –Monday, October 3.

End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter- Friday, October 7.

Grade Cards- Tuesday, October 11.

First Grade Field Trip- Wednesday, October 19.  
Tulsa Zoo

Fall Break- Thursday and Friday October 20 and 21.

Education Support Personnel Appreciation Week- Begins Monday, October 24.

Halloween Parties- Monday, October 31.  
Parade begins at 1:00PM.

A note from:  
**Mr. Wade**  
Elementary Principal

We appreciate our students and parents for helping to get this year off to a great start! We have a wonderful faculty that is dedicated to working with your child. It is our goal to provide the best education possible. In order for this to happen, you must have a strong relationship with your child's teacher. A positive connection between home and school is always the key to a successful year.

We currently have 458 students enrolled at the elementary. That is an increase of 41 students compared to last year. Twenty of these students include our newly added third PK class. We are enjoying getting to know each of our new students and catching up with ones that were here last year.

Attendance is crucial for learning; it develops important life habits for students later in life. Students are expected to learn and master more in their school day than ever before. If a student is not here, they miss out on learning. When absent parents need to call the office the day of the absence. Students cannot miss more than four days in a four week period without going to the doctor (and providing verification to the office). We ask that you please try and schedule appointments after school or on breaks. Make excellent attendance a goal for this school year!

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**Checkout Our School Website!**

**[www.commercetiger.net](http://www.commercetiger.net)**