

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

1. Please help us start our day by making sure that children arrive at school on time. All elementary **classes begin at 8:30**. There is a short recess time at 8:20 that children are encouraged to be a part of. It provides much needed oxygen and blood circulation to our whole bodies. It helps the children focus through the morning and gives the kids time to socialize before entering the classroom. Because life happens, if you arrive after 8:30, please be mindful of the classroom and say your goodbyes in the hallway. Thank you for your support!
2. **School is out at 3:00, which is new!** Unless picking your child up early, please wait to 3:00 to enter the classroom.
3. Kids need a pair of shoes that stay at school for indoor use only. This helps us keep our classroom clean. Their outdoor shoes need to be closed toed shoes.
4. Children bring their own snack each day. Please remind kids to choose from two food groups. Preferably one of which is protein rich. These kinds of healthy snacks make it easier for us to stay focus until lunch time. A good aid for helping children plan and pack lunches is to check out the website [choosemyplate.gov](http://choosemyplate.gov); it has printouts, activities and information about healthy eating habits. Please remember we are a **peanut-free** school. We are also a low sugar school. Please be mindful of this when planning lunches and, especially, birthday snack.
5. To reduce waste we are not providing plastic plates, napkins or cutlery. We have a limited amount of reusable options in the classroom as we transition and for guests. You may consider including these items as part of a lunch checklist.
6. Kids may use the water fountain in the classroom and the refrigerated water fountain in the hallway. They can also bring a water bottle from home. Please make sure to label and take home on weekends to wash.
7. All students have homework Monday through Thursday. You will receive an email with further instructions.
8. Please make sure that your child brings a backpack every day. The backpack should only be used for classroom supplies. **NO TOYS from home** unless with special instructions from the teacher. If your child would like to bring extra school supplies, please consider to donate them to the class for all student use.
9. We love to hear from parents! To get a hold of us during school hours you can reach us through e-mail or phone call to the office. For needs outside of school hours, evening or early morning, e-mail us at [maria@boisemontessori.com](mailto:maria@boisemontessori.com), [aryn@boisemontessori.com](mailto:aryn@boisemontessori.com) or [Justin@boisemontessori.com](mailto:Justin@boisemontessori.com) Mornings during drop off are a difficult time for teachers to have detailed conversations. We invite you to leave us a note and we will contact you during the day. Of course, quick questions and small talk are welcome and encouraged.
10. Most of all, we want you to know that we treasure the curiosity, energy and honesty of children. It is important to us that our students feel that they are important, cared for, and in the company of adults whom they can trust. Please encourage your child to share any concerns or questions, big and small, with their teachers. Our ears are always open and we will always make time for them. The experience of learning is a special gift. We are honored to play a part in your child's school adventure!