

**Daily Folder:** A durable blue plastic folder goes back and forth between home and school each day. The only things that should be in this folder are things the student is studying or work to be done at home. If your child is not bringing it home every night, please let me know.

**Completed Folder:** On Friday I send home a clear protective pouch that has their completed work. It should be emptied by the parents and returned on Monday.

**Exit Procedure:** We go over any work that should be done. They either get a homework slip or a no homework pass.

**Daily Homework:** There is homework that is normally expected each night: 20 minutes of reading, because they are required to read 100 minutes a week. Spend time practice spelling words, and Bible memory verse as needed.

**Snacks:** You are free to send healthy snacks (protein, fruit, or vegetable) for your child each day. Your child can have this snack when we go out for morning recess which is between 10:00 and 10:30. Please do not send desserts for the snack.

*The brain burns through a lot of nutrients when it is trying to learn something new or stressed. The idea of a snack is to prevent them from struggling to concentrate before lunch time. Not every child needs this so it is a decision you can make with your child.*

**Birthdays:** Parents are welcome to send treats for their student's birthday. It can arrive in the morning or be delivered by 11:30 am. If you are having a birthday party for your child, but are not able to invite all the students of the same sex, please do not send the invitations to school to be passed out. This can cause some of the students to feel left out.

**Christmas Party:** On the last school day of December we have our Christmas Party. Each student is to bring a gift that cost \$5.00 or under. Please send a gift labeled for an unknown child of the same sex as your child. Please have the students write who the gift is from so that I don't give them their own gift. An example of a tag is: To a boy From Samuel.

**Valentine's Day Party:** The students are not required to bring Valentine Cards but if they do, a card must be brought for each child in the class.

**ITBS:** The Iowa Test of Basic Skills is given in all Adventist Schools in the United States and Canada. We give it every year in the fall. This is a test that is standardized. It compares them to students across the US and Canada. This testing is usually done in the morning over a two-week period. During this time, please make sure your child has a good breakfast with protein and low in sugar. Be sure to send a snack on those days. They also need a good night's sleep.

When we receive the results back, we will share them at the next parent/teacher conference.