



Kindergarten Field Trips

September 2009

Dear Families,

In accordance with our school system's policy, students will be transported on school buses on all field trips. Consequently, families will be charged a fee to cover bus costs. There are school funds available to assist families who are unable to afford these fees. Contact your child's teacher regarding this matter.

Trips that are tentatively planned for this school year include: A Pumpkin Farm in late September or early October, the Booth & Dimock Library in November or December, Highland Park Market in March and the UCONN Animal Barns in May or June.

A limited number of parents per class will be designated as chaperones to accompany us on the bus during each trip. In fairness to all, this will be done on a rotating basis among those parents who indicate an interest. Siblings are not allowed to join our classes on field trips.

We hope that our trips will be as informative and enjoyable for chaperones as they are for children. Chaperones are asked to keep close track of the children in their group on the bus ride and at our destination. The children may need assistance while they are listening, observing or experiencing something on the trip. Do not feel that you must discipline children. The teachers will do this in accordance with school policy. However, please do speak with a teacher should you have difficulty with a student or observe inappropriate behavior while on a field trip.

Here are a few *DOs* and *DON'Ts*.

- **DO** sit with your group of students on the bus ride. Please be sure that they stay seated and reasonably quiet. Engage them in a conversation.
- **DON'T** socialize with the other parents **when** your group needs your attention.
- **DO** turn off your cell phones. You have volunteered to accompany our class. Please give your child and his/her classmates your full attention during the trip.
- **DON'T** bring food or drink on the bus. Students are NOT allowed to and we adults must adhere to the same rules.
- **DO** have fun! Enjoy this experience with our class. We appreciate your time and assistance.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher directly should you have any questions about this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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