



Minerva France Elementary School

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Having a Successful School Day

Minerva France Families,

One area in our school we will always be trying to improve upon is maximizing instructional time. To do this we are focusing on some of our routines including breakfast/arrival, fidget expectations, and dismissal.

We are eager to serve students breakfast each school day as full bellies are a proven method to maximize learning time. If your child is a walker or a car rider, and is going to eat breakfast, we are asking that your child arrives at school promptly at 8:50am and enters the main door of the school. Assuring your walker/car rider arrives by 8:50 will ensure the child has eaten their breakfast and is ready to learn at the beginning of the academic day. We ask that students do not arrive any earlier than 8:45am as we cannot provide adequate supervision before that time.

Another area that we would like to address as a building is the use of various "fidgets". Fidgets have proven to be successful tools in the classroom to help children with a variety of sensory and attention needs. However many times the line is crossed and the fidget becomes a toy, shared amongst peers, and a distraction from class. Should your child benefit from the use of a fidget please have an individual conversation with their classroom teacher and/or intervention specialist. Fidget spinners toys will only be permitted with prior approval of the building's administration. Please leave fidget spinners toys at home.

Lastly, our school day will end promptly at 3:35pm. We are working hard in correlation with community officials to ensure a smooth dismissal routine, not just for our school, but for the entire Minerva Park Community. Families should not arrive at school to pick up their child prior to 3:25pm. Families who do arrive at school prior to 3:25pm must be in a designated parking space. Following this expectation will ensure our student's safety, improve the efficiency of our dismissal routine, and ensure our bus rider students make it home in a timely manner.

In advance, I appreciate your cooperation in ensuring each child at Minerva France Elementary has an opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Sincerely,

Tyson D. Hilkert

Dr. John Kellogg, Superintendent

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Vision: Our vision is to be the benchmark of educational excellence.

Mission: Our mission is to prepare students to contribute to the competitive and changing world in which we live.

Values: Respect, Inclusiveness, Community, Communication, Collaboration, Innovation, Nurturing, Trust, Accountability