

Good afternoon Deer Park Families! I want to thank everyone for a wonderful Meet the Teacher Day and amazing first week of school. Just a few reminders this week as we work to make our arrival and dismissals even more efficient. We will now go back to a closed campus for arrival, with families stopping at the outside gates or using the car loop. We have to work to speed up our morning car loop so please remind students to get ready as soon as your car pulls into the loop. If they are getting ready when the car stops then we have already lost time. If you are new to our car loop then know that once you pull all the way up as far as you can and stop, all your children are getting out of the car at the same time. We do not allow multiple stops. If you have a kindergarten student then know we will help them get down to spot number 1 and follow the duck feet. Rest assured that staff are posted all along this route to help our ducklings get to building 5. Also this week the front gate to the parking lot by the gazebo will be closed during arrival. This is not a location to skip the car loop. The gate opens up after the tardy bell, which rings at 8:40. Our goal is to have the car loop clear by 8:40 and know we close the gate by the marquee at that time. If you arrive after 8:40 you have to go to front parking lot and your child is marked tardy. It's a very quick 20 minutes to finish our arrival from 8:20 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. We appreciate all your help. Remember if your child is sick please keep them home. You can call the front office at 727-774-8900 and ask to be transferred to the clinic where next steps will be given. I can tell you that this year we have a lot more positive cases with students, families and staff than last year. I highly encourage sending students to school with a mask. The majority of my staff are wearing masks and we are cleaning vigilantly to diminish the spread of Covid. It will take all of us working together in order to have a successful school year. Thank you for your support and lets have a healthy week at The Park!