

Dear Parents and Students,

We want to welcome you to Fritsch School, and we sincerely hope that you have a most successful year. We are proud of our school, staff, parents, and our students. It is through our joint efforts that Fritsch can be a place where students can take full advantage of their educational opportunities and learn to be responsible, caring individuals. We teach the whole child at Fritsch with a major emphasis on academics and on social skills.

This packet will give you a convenient reference to our school's procedures, rules, regulations, and policies. Hopefully, by providing this information, there will be greater communication between home and school. If you have any concerns or questions about any of our programs or policies please call the school at 283-1400.

Our school is a safe, warm, caring and nurturing environment where students experience success. Our staff builds students' self-esteem by use of formal and informal positive reinforcement.

Parents are encouraged to become involved in our school. Many of our teachers love to have parent volunteers work in their classroom. All teachers appreciate volunteer help for field trips and parties. We encourage you to join our active PTA. Our PTA is constantly doing projects that enhance and enrich our students' education.

Mary Garey
Principal

SERVICES AT E. W. FRITSCH

1. Speech/Language Program
2. Remedial Reading Program
3. Special Education/Resource Room
4. Gifted and Talented Program (Grades 3-5)
5. School Nurse – full time
6. School Counselor – available to all students for individual, group, or classroom counseling at any time.
7. District Psychologist
8. Band and Choir Program (5th grade)
9. English as a Second Language (ESL) Program
10. Library
11. Music Classes
12. Physical Education Classes
13. Technology Learning Center with a full time instructor

FRITSCH AWARDS

POSITIVE SUPER KID PINK SLIP AWARDS

Students exhibiting positive behavior may receive a Fritsch “Positive Pink Slip.” These may be issued by any adult at school for special recognition.

1. Positive Super Kid Pink Slips may be turned in to the office for a monthly prize drawing which is held on the last school day of the month.
2. A class may accumulate 100 Positive Super Kid Pink slips for a classroom party.

NO REFERRALS AWARDS

All children receiving no referrals in a month will be treated to an extra 15-minute recess during that month.

“SUPER STAR” – STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Each month all teachers and support staff may recognize a student who they feel represents a Star Student. That child is invited for lunch with the principal and a letter will be sent home to the parents. In addition, each student will receive certificates from local businesses.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Each quarter students can earn award certificates for Academic Honor Roll, Exemplary Academics, Distinguished Effort, and Exemplary Effort.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Excessive absences (excused and unexcused) have been a growing concern to the Carson City School District. Attendance is a shared responsibility. It cannot work without the parents’ support. The following policy has been established as a tool to assist students in achieving academic excellence and reaching their full potential.

1. Parents must call the school office regarding ANY absence or send a note the next day.
2. After 3 days without a note or phone call the school will call home.
3. After 3 days without a note or phone call the absence becomes a truant. Three trancies will be referred to the district truancy officer.

4. After ten absences in a school year (excused or unexcused) a letter will be sent home from the Principal regarding attendance. Telephone contact may be made at this time by an administrator.
5. After fifteen absences (excused or unexcused) a conference will be held with the parent/guardian and the teacher.
6. After twenty absences (excused or unexcused) the student and parent/guardian will be requested to sign an attendance contract. Failure to comply with the terms of the contract will result in a truancy and a referral to the Ron Wood Family Resource Center.
7. Valid excuses for absences may include illness, medical appointments, funerals and other cause cleared through the office.
8. Invalid excuses for absences may include shopping trips, baby-sitting, the absence of a brother or sister, truancy, oversleeping and missing the bus.
9. Make-up work is permitted for excused absences. The student has the same number of days to complete the work as he/she was absent (i.e., two days absent, two days to make up work.) It is the responsibility of the student to initiate and carry out make-up assignments. It is the teacher's role to facilitate the make-up assignments. It is the teacher's role to facilitate the make-up work for the student.
10. Students with temperatures of 99.6° or higher or who have been vomiting in the last 24 hours should not be sent to school, as we will send them home. However, common sense should be used to determine whether or not students should come to school. Five or six days a year is an average number of absences. If your child exceeds that you should consider a full health evaluation.
11. If a student is going to be absent for several days parents may call and request homework. To prepare assignments, teachers need 24 hours advance notice.
12. Students arriving tardy to school must be signed in at the office by a parent. Valid excuses for tardiness are the same as for absences. Instructions for the day are given at the beginning of class and are crucial for your student's academic success.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

It is our intent here at Fritsch to promote an atmosphere of learning rather than leisure. The dress and personal appearance of each student should reflect this philosophy. Each student should:

1. Wear hair and clothes neat and clean.
2. Wear shoes or sandals with socks.
3. Wear clothes appropriate for classroom play. (Weather permitting – knee-length shorts are allowed, but no tank tops.)
4. Not wear hats inside any school building.

The consequences for any student not following the student dress code is a call to a parent to bring appropriate clothing, if necessary, or a referral.

HOT BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM

The cooks at Fritsch prepare delicious and nutritious breakfasts and lunches. Students may bring money for a single meal or pay ahead. Lunches are \$2.25 each or \$11.25 per week. Breakfasts are \$1.50 each or \$7.50 per week. We also have a Free/Reduced price lunch program. Applications are available in the office. When sending breakfast or lunch money, please place your check, made payable to School Nutrition Program, in an envelope with the student's name, P.I.N., and classroom teacher's name written on the outside. Checks are preferred.

STEPS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

1. Talk it over – listen.
2. Walk away.
3. Say “I’m sorry.”
4. Do something else.
5. Take turns.
6. Share.
7. Ignore it.
8. Ask for help!

PARENT CONFERENCES

Parents wishing a conference with their child's teacher to discuss student progress or behavior need only to call the school office, and the teacher will return the parent's telephone call so that a mutually convenient time can be established.

IMPORTANT PROCEDURES FOR PARENTS

Change of residence or updating information:

If you change your home address, home telephone number, work telephone number, or any emergency contact information, please send new information in writing to the office.

Visitors and Volunteers at Fritsch:

All visitors to E.W. Fritsch are asked to sign in at the office which is located in B Building. Parents are most welcome at school and may visit at any time. Anyone wishing to volunteer in a classroom or accompany a class on a field trip must be fingerprinted by the Carson City School District. Packets are available in the office and PTA usually covers costs for fingerprinting.

School Closings Due to Inclement Weather:

It is the right and responsibility of parents to decide if a student should attend school under abnormal weather conditions.

By 6:00 a.m., during inclement weather, check the school district's website (www.carsoncityschools.com) or the local radio and television stations for updates on school closings.

Worsening weather conditions may force the early closing of schools. If this should happen, the website and local radio and television stations will carry this information. On such a day, our telephone lines may become jammed. Do not plan for your child to contact you by telephone. Be prepared – have an emergency plan so your child will know what to do if school is closed at an unusual time. Should this occur, the buses would run their normal routes.

Disaster Readiness Preparation:

Fritsch Elementary School holds monthly evacuation response procedure drills, including earthquake, fire and shelter in place drills.

School Telephone:

In emergency situations students may receive assistance from school personnel to use the school telephone. Students and parents should decide on all social needs before students come to school. We strongly discourage bringing cell phones to school.

Homework Policy:

Homework is an on-going process at Fritsch. It teaches responsibility, accountability, and time management. It allows parents to see what the child is doing in the classroom. Homework is not meant for parents to do! Parents should support the child by providing a quiet space, appropriate materials, and a designated time. Each teacher will develop his/her own individual policy. Working together as a team will encourage success for every child.

Withdrawing from school:

If you are planning to move to a different school, you must come in to the office to withdraw your child. **You must return all books, including Library Books at this time!**

E.W. FRITSCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL RULES/DISCIPLINE

SCHOOL RULES:

1. Be respectful to all
2. Be caring at all times to self and others
3. Be responsible.

CONSEQUENCES/DISCIPLINARY:

A student who breaks any of the Fritsch rules is subject to disciplinary action. This is to insure safety and to keep our school an environment where learning may take place without disruption.

Most situations are resolved through a series of reminders, counseling, or warnings by staff and other personnel. If information attempts at correction are not successful, students are issued a referral for inappropriate behavior. Parents are notified. Students receive consequences.

2nd referral in a semester: Students lose recess privileges or other consequences design to deter further misbehaviors.

3rd referral in a semester: Students lose recess privileges and an appropriate consequence is given. Teacher may send the student to meet with the Principal; parents are notified; teacher may assign 1 hour after-school detention and loss of special activity.

4th referral in a semester: Student may be given isolation, alternative learning environment, work detail, or out-of-school suspension.

MAJOR INFRACTIONS:

The following rule violations are considered such major infractions that the normal system may be superseded and isolation, alternative learning environment, work detail, or out-of-school suspension may be given immediately:

1. Disrespect to adults, peers or self.
2. Fighting
3. Habitual misconduct
4. Insubordination
5. Theft
6. Inappropriate school behavior

Be respectful to yourself and others.

2010-2011 Bell Schedule

| | Regular Day | 12:30 Dismissal Minimum Day | 1:30 Dismissal Early Out |
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| Office Opens | 7:00 | 7:00 | 7:00 |
| Staff Arrives | 7:30 – 8:00 | 7:30 – 8:00 | 7:30 – 8:00 |
| AM Kindergarten | 8:25 – 11:15 | 8:25 – 10:00 | 8:25 – 10:30 |
| PM Kindergarten | 12:15 – 3:00 | 11:00 – 12:30 | 11:30 – 1:30 |
| Grades 1 – 5 | 8:25 – 3:00 | 8:25 – 12:30 | 8:25 – 1:30 |
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| Recess K | 10:00-10:15 | 10:00-10:15 | 10:00-10:15 |
| 1-5 | 10:30-10:45 | 10:30-10:45 | 10:30-10:45 |
| K-2 | 2:00-2:15 | | |
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| Lunches 1st | Recess: 11:30-11:45 Lunch: 11:45-12:05 | 11:10-11:20 11:20-11:40 | Recess: 11:30-11:45 Lunch: 11:45-12:05 |
| 2 nd | Recess: 11:40-11:55 Lunch: 11:55-12:15 | 11:20-11:30 11:30-11:50 | Recess: 11:40-11:55 Lunch: 11:55-12:15 |
| 3 rd | Recess: 12:00-12:15 Lunch: 12:15-12:35 | 11:30-11:40 11:40-12:00 | Recess: 12:00-12:15 Lunch: 12:15-12:35 |
| 4 th | Recess: 12:10-12:25 Lunch: 12:25-12:45 | 11:40-11:50 11:50-12:10 | Recess: 12:10-12:25 Lunch: 12:25-12:45 |
| 5 th | Recess: 12:20-12:35 Lunch: 12:35-12:55 | 11:50-12:00 12:00-12:20 | Recess: 12:20-12:35 Lunch: 12:35-12:55 |
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| Staff Departure | 3:00 – 3:30 | 3:00 – 3:30 | 3:00 – 3:30 |

2010-2011 VACATION CALENDAR

Labor Day..... September 6
 Nevada Day.....October 29
 Veterans’ DayNovember 11
 Thanksgiving.....November 25-26
 Winter Break.....December 20-31
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day..... January 17
 President’s DayFebruary 21
 Spring BreakApril 18-25
 Memorial DayMay 30