



Odenville Elementary School

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2018-2019



St Clair County Vision and Mission



- **PURPOSE: PREPARING TOMORROW'S LEADER'S TODAY**

- **DIRECTION: PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES THAT WILL EDUCATE AND PREPARE EACH STUDENT FOR CAREER/COLLEGE/ADULTHOOD IN AN EVER CHANGING 21ST CENTURY.**
- **BELIEFS:**
- **Effective teachers and leaders are the key to student achievement.**
- **Teaching to the standard coupled with high quality professional learning will result in a clear direction and expected outcomes.**
- **Regular progress monitoring through formative and benchmark assessments that are clearly aligned with high standards will lead to adjusted and differentiated instruction which will lead to student growth.**
- **Alignment of human, programmatic, and fiscal resources that support the implementation of the approved curriculum will lead to student achievement.**
- **Student focus with multiple pathways to learning will enhance instruction and engage learners.**
- **When students are provided with a learning environment that is socially, emotionally, and physically supportive... the students' confidence, engagement and achievement will rise.**
- **Through the use of technology, the students' will gain 21ST century skills and make a reconnection with the world around them.**
- **Parent engagement with knowledge of their child's performance will reinforce strengths and help address weaknesses.**
- **Community engagement through volunteerism and community partnerships will benefit all students from the additional resources provided.**



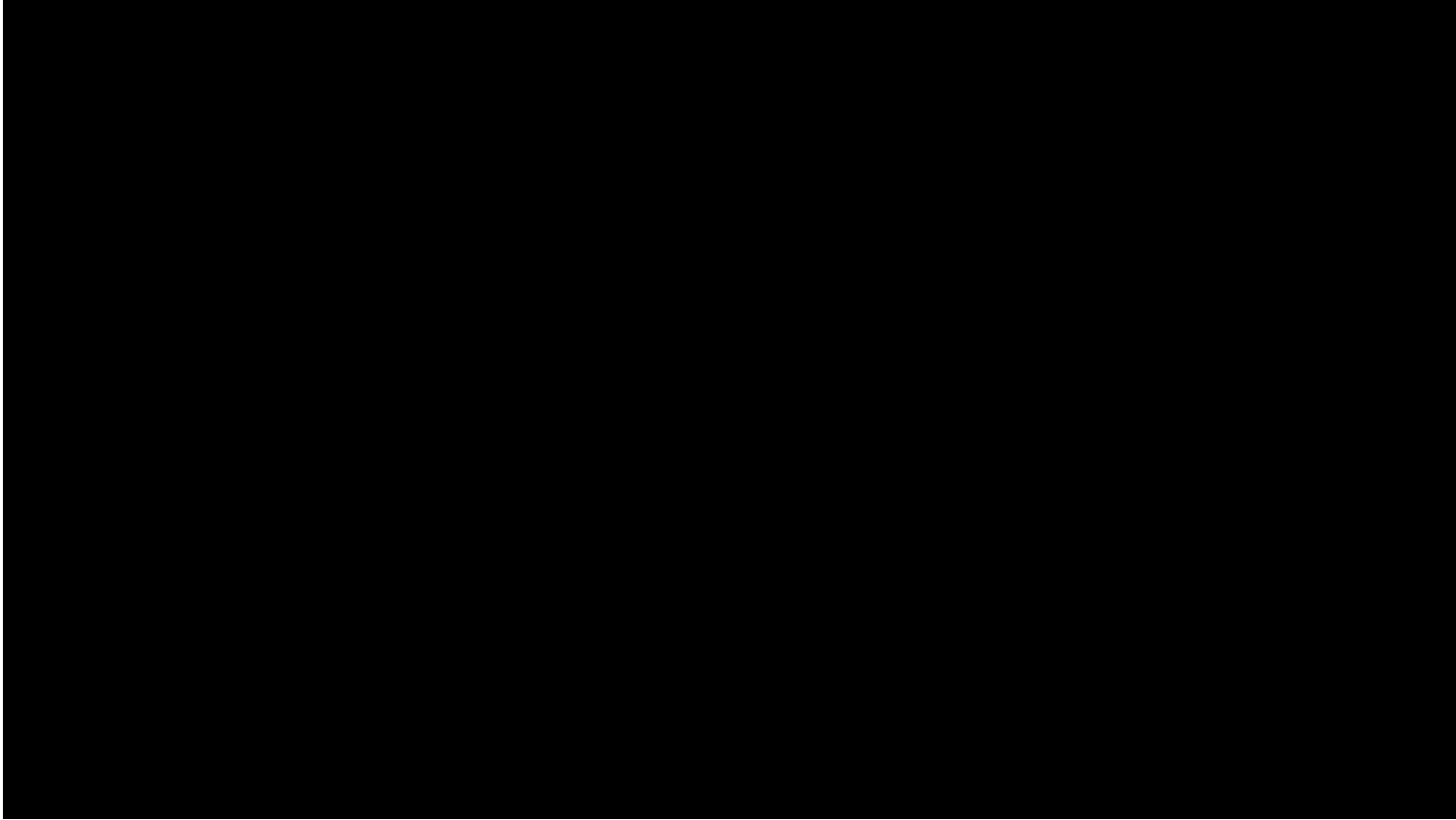
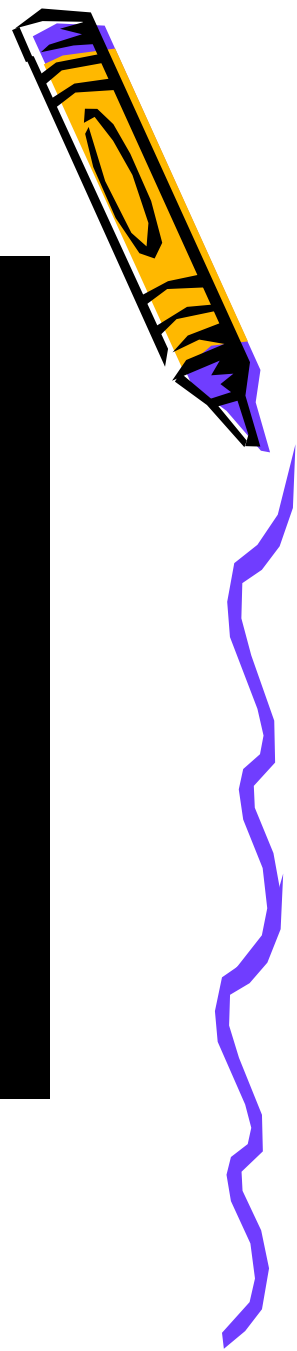
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- **Odenville Elementary School is an Alabama Reading Initiative and Title I school accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Alabama State Department of Education.**
- **OES has an enrollment of 410 students and serves Pre-K through second grades. The average classroom has a 22-1 student to teacher ratio. The faculty and staff recognize that educating the whole child, through a bond partnership between the home, school, and community will enable the child to develop to his/her fullest potential intellectually, socially, emotionally, and culturally. We believe that learning the intended curriculum, mastering basics and offering educational challenges, is possible for all students. Odenville Elementary School wants to foster self esteem, self discipline, and good work habits. Children learn best in a positive environment. They should be treated with love and respect, and parents have the responsibility to work with the school to support good student behavior.**



Odenville Community



BEGINNING OF SCHOOL

OES School Doors Open with Staff on Duty, as the first bell rings at 7:15!!!

Students may go to the lunchroom to eat breakfast or to the gym for supervision.

The second bell rings at 7:40 for students to report to their classrooms as teachers will be greeting the students.

The last bell rings at 7:55 as instruction will begin.

IF your student arrives AFTER 7:55, a Parent/Guardian MUST come in the building and sign in the student in the front office.



Attendance



Alabama law requires all children between the ages of 6 and 17 to attend school. Also, the law further provides that a parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of a school aged child is responsible for that child's regular attendance and proper conduct.

In order for an absence to be "excused", parents/guardians must present to the school a written explanation of a student's absence within 3 days of the absence.

If your student is absent, please send a written note from the parent or a doctor's excuse.

A student must be in school for at least half of the school day to be considered present.

3 unexcused absences----referral to the Early Warning Court System

5 unexcused absences----2nd referral to the Early Warning Court System and conference with Juvenile Probation Officer.

7 unexcused absences----petition filed in Juvenile Court

If absences become a problem, your child's academics will be affected!!

Excessive Absence is defined as any absence above 10 days for students K-12. A student is ONLY allowed 10 Parent Excuses per year!



Tardy

Students arriving after 7:55 are considered tardy. All students must be signed in at the office.

Please do not send students into the building alone when arriving after 7:55!!

Sanctions for excessive tardies may include In School Suspension, Detention or other sanctions determined by the local school. With our PreK-2nd grade students, it is our responsibility as adults to make sure our students arrive at school on time, ready to learn, as we set the foundation and example at an early age regarding promptness!!



Checking In or Out



A parent or guardian must come into the office to check a student in or out. Any time you visit the school, you need to be prepared to show identification. Our goal is to provide the safest atmosphere for the students!

We do ask for NO CHECK OUTS after 2:00 pm, unless it is a dire emergency. Please keep the academic interest at best when scheduling Dr. appointments. If there is a reason for a check in our check out, please follow up with an excuse within 3 days.

5 unexcused check in/out/tardies/3 parent excused tardies

7 unexcused check in/out/tardies/5 parent excused tardies

9 unexcused check in/out/tardies/7 parent excused tardies

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Address and Telephone Changes

Please notify the school office if you have a change in email, address or telephone number. Any changes that could affect your student in any event of an emergency needs to be reported to the school office and your student's teacher.

INOW will pull the phone number that you listed as a primary contact on registration paperwork and School Cast will make calls to this number for school events and emergency school closings.



Visitor/Volunteer Policy

For the Safety of ALL staff and students, ALL visitors must be buzzed in and must always go directly to the front office to sign in. Visitors will receive a visitor sticker to wear at all times during their stay.

<https://bib.com/SecureVolunteer/ST-CLAIR-COUNTY-SCHOOLS/>

WE LOVE VOLUNTEERS!!

So that the classroom teacher can continue with his/her regularly planned instruction, please make sure volunteers and teachers have communicated prior to your visit and pick up work and go to designated work areas!!



PTO

This is a VERY important and highly valued resource for our school. PTO raise monies to provide educational materials and supplies to benefit our teachers, staff and students at OES!!

BECOME A MEMBER !!!!

PTO - \$10 per family

Those interested in the PTO team met August 22nd and had some new innovative ideas for our school year!!



Car Rider Line

Car riders may arrive at school between the hours of 7:15-7:55!

Car riders may begin going to the lunchroom for dismissal at 2:30. Dismissal will begin at 2:40.

Carpool line is a very critical time during the school day and is in the front of OES.

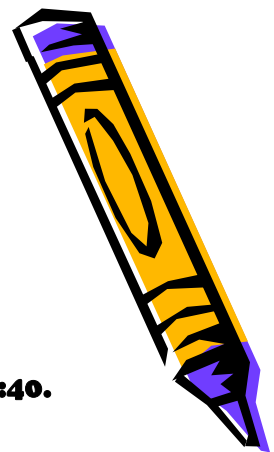
The morning carpool procedure will be 1 line. Please talk to your student about being ready to dismiss from your car. Please refrain being on your cellphone, smoking/vaping on school grounds and from parking and walking your student in the building unless you are volunteering or unless it is an emergency.

The afternoon carpool procedure will be 2 lines. Please make sure when it is your student's turn to load that you refrain from being on your cellphone, smoking/vaping and please put your car in park at a complete stop!! We do ask that ALL come through the car rider lines. We understand emergencies, but if one family walks up to get a student, then it does create more to do so.

Please make sure to have your SCHOOL ISSUED CARPOOL TEACHER NAME AND NUMBER on the dash of your car.

The safety of your students is our primary concern!!!

Please use caution as each car dismisses in the mornings and afternoons.



Bus Rider Dismissal

Get to know your child's bus driver.

1st Load bus riders will dismiss at 2:45 and load the bus at 2:50!!

2nd Load bus riders will dismiss at 3:05.

The road between OES and OMS is always closed during the school day. This remains closed for safety and for buses to load each day.

Riding the bus is a privilege!!

There are bus policies and procedures that your students need to abide by---Please refer to the SSCBOE Code of Conduct for reminders!!

For Bus Route, Driver and Bus Number information, please contact 629-6255!!!



Lunch Prices



- **Regular Lunch -\$2.75**
- **Reduced Lunch -\$0.40**
- **Regular Breakfast -\$1.50**
- **Reduced Breakfast -\$0.30**
- **Visitor Lunches-\$4.25**
- **Free Lunch Forms are available and OES receives Federal Funding based on Free/Reduced Lunch meals. Please complete and return Free Lunch Forms to your child's teacher.**

---The lunch menu is published monthly and also available on the school website.

---A printout of your student's lunch account will come home when funds are diminishing and a school cast call will come to your phone letting you know your student need's lunch money.

---The opportunity will arise for families to make lunch payments on line through our county and school website.



Snacks/Dinner Meals



As we feed students PreK-8 and eat a very early lunch here at OES, as the day ends, lunch is a distant memory. Students need more sustenance to help get them through their afternoon activities. The After School Meal program, funded through the federal Child & Adult Care Food Program, *provides nutritious meals at no charge to students 18 years and under.*

Students should bring a nutritious snack to school each day.

Classes will not be disturbed to provide your student with a snack. We will see that the snack gets to their classroom.



Extended Care

Extended Care is provided by the St Clair County Board of Education from 3:15 until 6:00pm for students. Snacks are provided and students are granted the opportunity to work on homework!

Applications are available in the OES office.

\$25 Registration Fee

\$50 Weekly Fee

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Medication

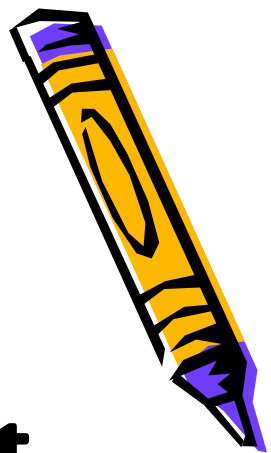
Parents or guardians must bring all medications to school with the proper medication form. *Please do not send medication to school with your student. Nurse Shaveka is very good about communicating student needs with our families.*



Sickness

If a student becomes ill while at school, parents will be contacted.

It is imperative that we have current phone numbers as well as alternate phone numbers in case we need to reach you in the event of an emergency.



Lice

- **Please remember that a student is only granted 2 excused absences for lice. In any event that your student has lice, a parent or guardian must RETURN with the student so the NURSE can make sure NO NITS are present.**



Physical Education/Recess



All students will have 30 minutes of P.E. each day with Mrs. Glaze and Mrs. Stone. Please send your child to school in clothes and shoes appropriate for P.E.

Classes are also able to enjoy a separate 15 minutes of teacher supervised, recess-free play!



Enrichment

Students will visit the Library once a week for 30 minutes. They may talk about AR points this year, as students may read, take tests and challenge their reading level to take growth by earning points for reading. Students will also visit the Downstairs and Upstairs computer labs once a week for 30 minutes to work on knowing the parts of the computer, how to type and participate in computer programs such as Raz Kids, Math Seeds, Pebble Go and Wixie. The Discovery Lab will be visited weekly to participate in Science experiments or other projects. We will also assess students and allow them to work in groups throughout the school year and differentiate to meet their interests and learning needs!!



Field Trips



Students will have 2 field trips per year. Please be sure to send your money in on time. For the safety of ALL, we do ask that this be a time for you and your student--no siblings. All school rules are to be followed on trips.

Students going on school sponsored trips are required to ride the bus to and from the destination. Field trips are educational and carefully planned by the teachers to be related to Alabama Standards.



Money

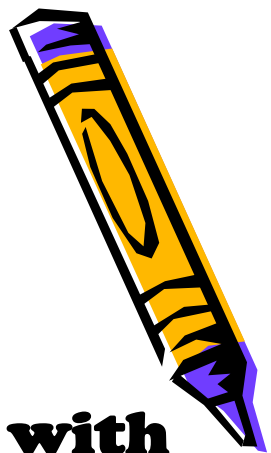
Please send ALL money in an envelope labeled with your student's name, teacher and purpose.

We do ask that you help your teacher with classroom donation fees 😊

(\$30 for classroom, \$5 for school programs, \$5 for tech/library fee) Kindergarten students pay an extra \$10 for grade level T shirt.

All money for different purposes should be in separate baggies/envelopes.

SCBOE does charge for a returned check fee.



Clothing/Backpacks



All clothing, especially backpacks, sweatshirts, jackets, rain coats, hats, and gloves, should be labeled with your student's first and last name.

A lost and found is located by the gym.

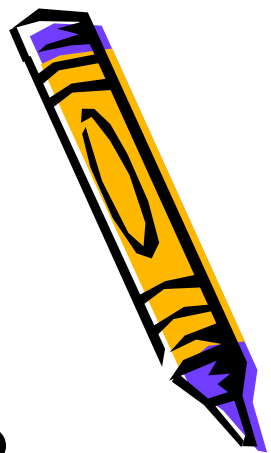
It is a good idea for your student to have an extra change of clothes in the backpack, in any event of an emergency.



Toys

Please do not send toys or games to school with your student unless you receive a note from your child's teacher. Most are an educational distraction.

Toys that are lost or stolen are irreplaceable-- Be sure to know what your child leaves home with daily!!



Email/Internet/Web Page

Please visit our OES website for important dates and informative announcements as well as our OES Social Media sites. Also, you may contact an OES staff member via email through our website for positive comments or concerns. Our website is

www.oes.sccboe.org

We will also collaborate with our families via INOW School Cast callouts, email, Remind 101, handouts and more!!

All of you should've signed, during the registration process, a Media Release and Usage Policy in the SCCBOE Code of Conduct to allow your student to be photographed and participate in 21st century learning.



Safety Drills



We are required by the State Department of Education to participate in Safety Drills and follow through with a Safety Plan of Action!!

Odenville Elementary School has carefully planned Safety Procedures that are posted throughout the building. In any event of a tornado or tornado drill, students will listen for long bell rings and walk to their designated area of safety.

Fire and/or Fire Drill procedures consist of repetitive bells and students will dismiss outdoors to their designated areas.

Intruder and/or Intruder Drill procedures consist of lockdown.



Safety is our first priority at OES!!!!



Discipline



Discipline is a shared responsibility of the school and the home.

Acceptable corrective measures may include but not limited to the following:

- 1. Deprivation of privileges or activities,**
- 2. Time out in the classroom or other classrooms,**
- 3. Communication with the parent,**
- 4. Referral to the counselor,**
- 5. Referral to the administration,**
- 6. Time out at home.**

WE DO FOCUS ON THE POSITIVES!!



Conscious Discipline



The Conscious Discipline Brain State Model becomes a framework for us to understand the internal brain-body states that are most likely to produce certain behaviors in children and in ourselves. With this awareness, we learn to consciously manage our own thoughts and emotions so we can help children learn to do the same!!

Conscious Discipline is specifically designed to teach the following:

- □ Anger management
- □ Helpfulness (pro-social skills)
- □ Assertiveness
- □ Impulse Control
- □ Cooperation
- □ Empathy
- □ Problem solving



Parent Conferences

The Alabama State Department declares the month of October as Parenting Month. We are required to hold 2 in school conferences with our families. We want to provide you the resources needed to help you, your student and family be successful!! Please be sure if there are any questions or concerns regarding your student's progress, communicate with your student's teacher!!!

WE STRESS PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION ON A DAILY BASIS!!!



Report Cards



Report cards will be issued every nine weeks for all grades. Progress Reports will be issued at the mid-point of each grading period.

To be promoted to the next grade, a student in grades K through 4 must pass reading and math to grade level standards.

1st and 2nd grade students will receive numeric and letter grades (A-F)

Kindergarten students will receive feedback on the numeric scale from meeting standards and will participate in GOLD strategies



Kindergarten Curriculum

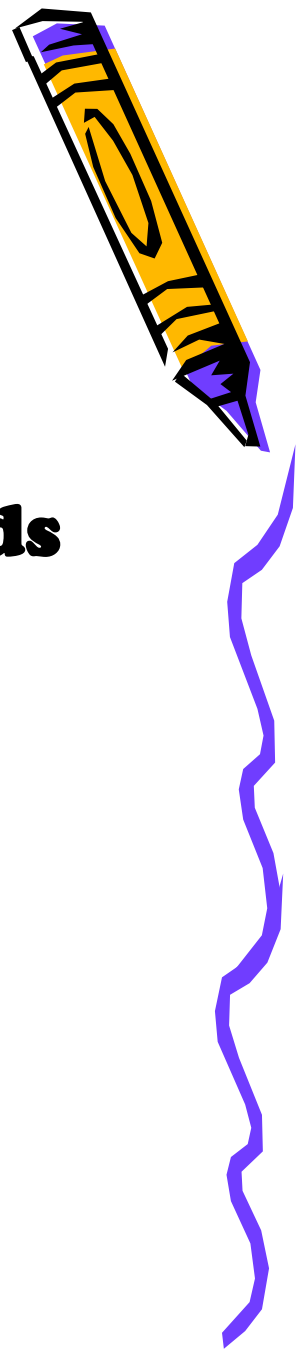
We have a complete Curriculum and teach Alabama Kindergarten Standards

***Saxon Phonics**

***GOLD Strategies**

***Go Math**

***Imbedded Science and Social Studies**



1st and 2nd Grade Curriculum

**We have a complete Curriculum and
teach Alabama 1st and 2nd Grade
Standards**

***Saxon Phonics**

***Rooted in Reading**

***Go Math**

***Imbedded Science and Social Studies**



DIBELS

**DIBELS assessments will be Administered 3 times year, Fall
Winter and Spring**

**This assessment measures how well a child is progressing
in the early reading skills which are most highly predictive
of reading success.**

There are 5 skill indicators :

- **ISF---recognize and produce beginning sounds of words**
 - **LNF---recognize mix of upper and lower case letters**
 - **PSF-break short words into individual sounds,**
- **NWF-read 2-3 nonsense vowel-consonant vowel words**
 - **ORF—reading fluently at grade level for one minute**



Scantron

The Scantron Performance Series Assessment is a computer-adaptive diagnostic test that provides educators with instant test results, personalized to each student. Administered 3 times a year, Fall, Winter and Spring, these tests provide a longitudinal view of student growth in core curriculum areas meeting their grade level knowledge of standards.



Parental Involvement Tips



- **When parents and families get personally involved in education, their children do better in school and grow up to be more successful in life. Becoming a partner with your child's school is important at all ages. When families are involved, research shows that children get better grades and test scores, graduate from high school at higher rates, are more likely to go on to higher education, and are better behaved and have more positive attitudes.**

Becoming a partner in your child's education is really is much easier than it sounds. It can mean:

- **Reading a bedtime story to your child or having your child read to you**
 - **Checking homework every night**
 - **Asking your child "How was school today? Tell me about what you learned in"**
 - **Talking to your child about the importance of education and express high but realistic expectations**
 - **Attending parent information meetings at school whenever possible**
 - **Limiting TV viewing to no more than two hours on school nights**
 - **Keeping in touch with your child's teacher(s)**
 - **Getting personally involved in your child's school by volunteering**
 - **Insisting on high standards of behavior for your child**
 - **Making sure your child attends school regularly**
 - **Helping your school to set challenging academic standards**
 - **Getting involved in the parent/teacher organization**
 - **Discussing your child's progress with teachers**
 - **Voting in school board elections**
- **Please, get involved and stay involved. You can make a world of difference.**

