

GARDEN ROAD E.S.S.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Thurs, September 3rd

Back to school Night

- 5:30-6:15 grades 3rd - 5th
- 6:15 PTA meeting
- 7:00-7:45 K - 2nd

**Sign up by the sign in counter if you need childcare.*

Monday, September 7th

School & ESS closed
in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 15th

Last day to pay September fees to avoid a \$20 late payment fee

November 16th - 20th

Parent Conference week...

Early dismissal from school

Mon- Fri. (11:45am daily)

ESS will be open extra time all week to accommodate the schedule change.

November 23rd -27th

Thanksgiving Holiday Week...

School & ESS will be closed



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

So long Summer 2009...or maybe not

We had a fun-filled and busy summer. We took our last field trip and had our end of the summer celebrations. Some old friends have returned, and we have welcomed all our new friends. We ended our last week of August with some **very, very hot days**. ESS monitors the heat closely and we follow the school guidelines regarding outside activities on "high heat days". We will continue to limit outdoor time, provide alternate activities and encourage lots of water drinking on hot days. We recommend applying an "all day protection" sunscreen on your child at home before coming to school and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Health Check

ESS is making an effort to take extra precautions to reduce the spreading of germs, illness, etc. We are encouraging hand washing often (especially before eating) and sanitizing heavily used items, toys, door knobs, etc. throughout the day. You will be notified if your child becomes ill at ESS. Please give other families the same consideration you would like and keep sick children at home. Also, please-please notify us if your child has a communicable disease or head lice. District policies are enforced. All medication must be authorized by both a physician and a parent (forms available on front counter). This includes aspirin, Tylenol and all prescription drugs. Lip balm, cough drops, throat lozenges and sunscreen do not require a doctor's note, but written parent authorization is needed. When needed, these items must be supplied by you and clearly labeled. They will be stored in the ESS office and given to your child for self-administration.

Back to School Night... Thursday Sept. 3rd

ESS staff will provide childcare for ESS families on "Back to School" night. There will be no additional charges for this evening. Please sign up by Wed. if you are interested. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out about all the great things going on at Garden Road School.

2nd - 5th Grade Homework Program

ESS provides a homework group time for children in 2nd - 5th grades. (Children in kindergarten and 1st grade have a reading program during their group time). A homework contract will be sent home (after Back to school night) for 2nd - 5th graders to complete with their parents to clarify expectations and make sure it is clear how your child should be spending their homework time. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. The ESS staff is here to help, but they are not teachers and we ask that you check your child's homework for accuracy and completion. We will let you know if your child is struggling with something, not using their time wisely or being disruptive.

Friendly Reminders

- ESS invoices are sent (e-mailed or mailed) around the 20th of the month. Fees are due the first week of the month and must be paid by the 15th to avoid a late payment fee. Please go to www.pusd.com and use the parent resources link for more ESS finance information.
- A two week notice is required for withdrawals or vacation requests.