

Notes from Nurse Eaton

As we begin the new school year, we can use your help to make sure your child's health needs are met at school. I will begin the year with some thoughts on emergency forms and medications.

FORMS

- Please be sure you have turned in your emergency forms AND that you let us know of any changes during the year! You never know when this will become important for your child!
- If your child has a health condition that we may need to deal with during the school day, be sure we know what you want us to do. There are forms available from the office or the school nurse to help you outline your instructions. Please call the nurse, if you need assistance.

MEDICATIONS

- The only medications we stock at school are Acetaminophen (generic Tylenol), antacids (generic Tums), antibiotic ointment, and calamine spray. If your child needs Benadryl, or other medication, you need to supply it.
- If your child takes antibiotics for a contagious illness (i.e. strept throat), he/she needs to stay home for 24 hours (1 full day of medication).
- PLEASE ask your doctor if doses can be arranged around the school day. If medicine is to be given at school, we will need medication forms completed.
- Be sure the child takes ALL the medication, as directed. When you don't, it not only affects your child, but the general public health! (It contributes to drug resistant germs).
- Do NOT take other people's medication, at home or at school! Medications are specific for the person and the illness! Taking other's medications can prolong or complicate an illness.
- Prescription medications that must be taken at school need to be in a bottle labeled by the pharmacy and we need to have permission forms signed by you and your doctor. (If you do not have a form with you at the doctor, ask the doctor for the fax number and we can fax a form to their office.)
- The school staff do not give liquid medication that requires measurement, unless absolutely necessary. If it is necessary, please supply a well marked, approved, measuring device.
- There are some new medicines in "patch" form. If a child is wearing the patch during the school day. we will ask for medication papers to keep on file.

Health questions? Please call!

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