



What's Cooking In Special Education...



Smyser Accelerated School
Our Recipe of what to expect in the 2010–2011 school year.

Welcome

Dear Smyser Families,
We would like to welcome you and your child to the Special Education Program. We understand that your children have certain needs in learning and behavior, with this in mind our goal is to instill a positive outlook towards school and academics for your child. In order to be successful in school the special education team is aiming to instill in the students a sense of responsibility and accountability which he or she will need throughout their life.

Successful Students

While students are in their special education class or in the general education classroom, they will be expected to be active participants in the learning process. Here are some qualities we would like to see our students obtain:

- 1) Successful students complete and return all assignments to the best of their ability.
- 2) Successful students take notes, pay attention, and take responsibility for their own learning.
- 3) Successful students are organized and come to class prepared with the correct notebook, folder, textbook, and planner.
- 4) Successful students understand the importance of classroom rules.
- 5) Successful students respect their peers, teachers, and staff.

Our Goals

Our goal is to raise student's self-esteem, encourage an "I CAN" attitude and promote a sense of accomplishment.

Curriculum

We will focus on strengthening your child's knowledge base using the text and curriculum

used in the general education classroom. Students are expected to participate in the 20/20 Reading program. This program helps to promote good reading habits as well as develop knowledge across many genres of literature.

Homework

Students have been given daily planners and are directed by teachers to write in their daily assignments. Please check and initial nightly to see that your child is being responsible for his or her work. Homework can be expected from any of the following subject areas: reading, writing, math, social studies, or science.

Students are expected to complete the assignments to the best of their ability. We will highlight any missing assignments. All highlighted assignments should be turned in the following day. Daily homework assignments can also be found on the www.smyser.org website.

Behavior

Students are expected to follow the Chicago Public School discipline code as well as the classroom rules enforced in the special education and general education classrooms.

Philosophy

We believe that in order for your child to be successful there needs to be a partnership between his or her parents and teachers. You, as a parent, can help your son/daughter develop positive habits that will enable him/her to strengthen their skills and develop a positive outlook towards academics. We believe that you are the first and most important educators of your children. Please take the time to reinforce the basic skills that are taught during the school day with your child while they are at home. We see you as our partners in your child's success. Here's to a year filled of learning and success!

–The Special Education Team