

GUIDELINES FOR A PEANUT/NUT-FREE CLASSROOM

1. All food eaten in a peanut/nut free classroom should not contain peanut or nuts, or prepared in an environment where peanuts or nuts are present.
2. The classroom teacher will send a letter home to all parents in the classroom explaining the rules of a peanut/nut free classroom before the start of school as well as reminder letters at various times of the year when treats are likely to be brought to school such as: holidays, Halloween, Valentine's Day, classroom parties, field trips.
3. Any food brought in the classroom must have a complete ingredient label, or it will not be served to any students in the classroom. Home baked foods will not be allowed due to the potential for cross contamination.
4. Daily snacks: Parents will provide labeled snacks for all students to share once a week or at the teacher's request. Parents of a student with peanut/nut allergy may provide and maintain a list of safe snacks and will check the classroom snack labels once a week and mark OK on the package if it does not contain peanut/nut products. The list of safe snacks provided by the parents of the peanut/nut allergic student will be shared with the parents of students in the classroom.
5. Unplanned, special occasion snacks are discouraged. If this happens, the food must have an ingredient label, must not be home-baked, or bakery bought and the label must be checked and OK'd by the school nurse or parent of a student with the peanut/nut allergy. The teacher or school nurse may choose to contact the parent of the peanut/nut allergic child and read the ingredients label. If this is not possible then the food will not be served to any students.
6. Bird and animal food is also not allowed in the classroom as it may contain peanut/nut products.
7. Lessons/projects should be planned and modified so that peanut/nut products are not a part of the project. This includes foods that may contain peanut/nut such as plain M&Ms.
8. A Peanut/Nut Free classroom poster should be posted in the classroom (preferably near the entrance) and should include a list of these guidelines.
9. Students in this classroom should wash their hands with soap and water upon the return from lunch/lunch recess. This will be made part of the daily routine.