



My name is Miss Valentine and I am very excited to be your Kindergarten teacher! Longfellow Elementary School is a very special place where you can learn everything you need to know so you can reach your goals and your dreams. It is going to be a fun year with lots of learning and new adventures. I can't wait to see what the year has in store for us! I want to know ALL about you, but first I'm going to tell you a few things about me.

I am originally from Ravenna, NE and grew up on our family farm 10 miles outside of town. I am the youngest of two. My dad works for the USDA, my mom works as an Extension Agent, and my brother, Levi, and his wife, Shelly, are both Federal Bank Examiners. I also have the most adorable nephews, Owen and Carson.

I graduated High School in Ravenna, NE and when searching for the right college, I fell in love with western Nebraska and thought there was no better place for me to attend college! In 2014, I graduated from Chadron State College with a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education and an endorsement in Early Childhood Education. In 2018, I graduated with my Masters Degree in Educational Technology from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. I love the diversity that comes with all ages and stages of learners!

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I am thrilled to have the opportunity to have you in my classroom! Feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions!

Sara Valentine

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HELLO TO YOUK

ARRIVAL

School begins at 7:50 Please have your child on the playground and ready for a fun filled day of learning!

(Students cannot be on the playground before the bell rings at 7:40 a.m.)

If your child is eating breakfast at school, they can enter the school from the door by the picnic tables at 7:20.

Late arrivals need to be signed in at the office and will continue to class with a pass.

We cover a lot of information at the beginning of the school day. The first 10 minutes of class are important!

If your child is going to be absent, please notify the school. We will call you around 8:45 if your child is not at school and we have not been notified.

DISMISSAL

Kindergarten dismisses at 3:05 in front of the school (the side by 5th Ave). Please do not park in the bus zone!

If your child's normal dismissal plan is changed, please let me and/or the office know. Feel free to email or call. We will have your child do their normal routine unless an adult has told us otherwise.

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This Schedule May Change ©

7:50 Morning Meeting Bridges (Math) 8:00 9:00 Fundations (Phonics) Second Step (SEL) or Science 9:30 9:45 Recess 10:00 Wit & Wisdom (Reading) **||:00** Lunch and Recess 11:40 Afternoon Work Number Corner (Calendar) 2:00 12:15 Literacy Centers/Target Time **Read Aloud** :00 :30 Social Centers Snack/Pack Up 2:00 Specials (PE, Music, Library) 2:20 Kindergarten Dismissal 3:05 CLASS SCHEDU

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Your child will have math and reading home work every week.

MATH HOMEWORK

Math Homework will go home in your child's folder on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
-If the home work is a game, play the game together. You do not need to send it back.
-If the home work is a worksheet, please have your child use a pencil to compete the work and return it to school in their folder.

READING HOMEWORK

-Phonics homework will go home on Fridays. You can do this anytime during the week and then just keep it at home ©

-It is encouraged that you read with your child every day! (Be sure to fill out the reading calendar in your child's folder-It is on the back of the behavior calendar)

-Some tips to help build a reader: talk about the front/back cover, talk about the author illustrator, have your child point to the words as you read them.





Kindergarten usually has a snack everyday. With COVID-19 we have not determined what snack time will look like yet.

I will provide more information as soon as a policy has been set by Longfellow Elementary and Scottsbluff Public Schools!

Thanks for your patience and understanding!

PARKING AND DROP OFF

Please do not park in the yellow areas along our building. These yellow areas are 5 minute or less parking zones.

Students need to be dropped off in the morning along the picnic tables on 21st street. Students and Adults need to use the cross walk areas when crossing the street.

When dropping off or picking up your child at normal arrival and departure times, please DO NOT park in the bus zone.

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DAILY FOLDER

Your child will have a daily folder. This folder should go to and from school everyday. This folder is essential for communication. Please check it every day.

CONTACT ME

Feel free to send a note in your child's folder, call the school, or email me for any reason!

> Miss Valentine's Email: svalentine@sbps.net

School Phone Number: 308-635-6262

Please keep your phone number and address current with the office. We need to be able to get a hold of you in case of emergency!

DAILY FOLDER CONTACT ME