

# **THE LITTLE COUNTRY SCHOOL 2019-2020**

*A Small School With A Big Heart!  
Where Good Manners, Personal Integrity,  
And Christian Morals Prevail*

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# **School Handbook**



**The Little Country School**  
**2019 - 2020**  
**First Semester Calendar**

**AUGUST**

19 First Day of School (Monday)

**SEPTEMBER**

2 Labor Day – School Closed (Monday)

26 Open House – 7 PM to 8PM (Thursday)

**OCTOBER**

12 School Beautification Day (Saturday) Tentative

17 Last Day of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Thursday)

18 Planning Day for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – No School for Students (Friday)

23 Report Cards Go Home (Wednesday)

**NOVEMBER**

11 Veteran’s Day – School Closed (Monday)

27- 29 Thanksgiving Holidays (Wednesday – Friday)

**DECEMBER**

17 Christmas Program – 7 PM (Tuesday)

19 Last School Day before Christmas Break/Christmas Parties (Thursday)

20 – Jan 3 Christmas Break

**JANUARY**

6 First School Day after Christmas Break (Monday)

10 Last Day of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Friday)

**The Little Country School**  
**2019 - 2020**  
**Second Semester Calendar**

**JANUARY**

- 13 First Day of Second Semester (Monday)
- 17 Planning Day for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – No school for Students (Friday)
- 20 MLK, Jr. Day – School Closed (Monday)
- 22 Report Cards Go Home (Wednesday)

**FEBRUARY**

- 17 President’s Day – School Closed (Monday)

**MARCH**

- 9 – 13 Spring Break (Monday - Friday/School Closed)
- 20 Last Day of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Friday) – Possible History Fair Date
- 27 Planning Day for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – No School for Students (Friday)

**APRIL**

- 1 Report Cards Go Home (Wednesday)
- 10 Good Friday (School Closed) (Friday)
- 13 - 16 SATs (Monday – Thursday)
- 17 Heart Day (tentative date) (Friday)

**MAY**

- 8 Science Fair
- 11 Planning Day for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter – No School for Students (Monday)
- 16 Dance Recital – 7 PM (Saturday)
- 19 Senior Graduation – 7PM (Tuesday)
- 21 Preschool/Kindergarten Graduation - 7 PM (Thursday)
- 22 \*Last Day of School; Awards Day (Friday)
- \*26-29 Weather Days – In the event that we need to make up days missed due to weather, the last day of school would be moved accordingly.

The last report card and SAT scores will be mailed in June.

# **PARENT TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR**

## **1. Healthy Diet and Exercise**

Children who eat a healthy, well-balanced diet with lots of fruits and vegetables, and who get plenty of exercise are able to focus much better on their school work.

## **2. Sleep**

If your child gets the right amount of sleep for his age, he will feel much better and be able to get up on time, ready for the school day.

## **3. Attendance and Punctuality**

Being at school every day and on time is not only the best way for your child to make sure he completes all of his school work, but it also develops good habits for success in life. Plan family trips and activities so as not to interfere with school.

## **4. Talk About School With Your Child**

Ask your child about his day at school – how it went, what he learned, did he have any problems. Help him figure out positive ways to work out any problems he might be having. Encourage him to talk to his teacher and ask questions about school work.

## **5. Homework**

Every child should be spending some time finishing any unfinished work, reviewing the day's work, and studying for upcoming quizzes and tests. Help your child choose an appropriate place and time for homework each night. Ask to see your child's finished homework every night.

## **6. Television, Video Games, and Computer Time**

Have appropriate limits for television, video games and computer time on school nights. Try doing these activities together as a family, but after homework has been completed. Remind your child of the dangers of talking on the computer with strangers. Be aware of all of the inappropriate content just a click away, and please **MONITOR WHAT YOUR CHILD DOES ONLINE!**

## **7. Read With Your Child**

Take time to read with your child every day. Make it a part of your routine. With younger children, you could make it a part of the bedtime routine. With older children, reading the newspaper and magazines and then discussing current topics with them could be part of a daily routine as well. It will make a huge difference in your child's reading ability and possibly bring you closer together as a family.

## **8. Make Home Time a Learning Experience**

Help your child learn at home by doing activities together, reading, singing, taking trips to the library, or looking up things on the computer together. You are one of your child's best teachers!

## **9. Teach Organizational Skills**

Remind students to lay out all needed clothing and school items the night before.

## **STUDENT TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN SCHOOL**

- 1. Get 7 – 9 hours of sleep every night.  
(Teenage boys need the most sleep, but usually get the least)**
- 2. Eat a healthy breakfast. (Example: peanut butter toast, with half a banana, cup of milk, and cup of orange juice)**
- 3. Be present and on time every day.**
- 4. Respect yourself and all others.**
- 5. Put correct headings on all papers.**
- 6. Write every letter and number correctly and neatly.**
- 7. Complete every part of every assignment neatly and correctly, and turn it in on time.**
- 8. Pay close attention to all instruction. Listen with your eyes, ears, and mind.**
- 9. Make sure you have all supplies and/or equipment that you need.**
- 10. Study for tests and use every minute of school time wisely.**
- 11. Be very selective in the content and amount of time you spend online, playing games, watching TV and movies, listening to music, etc.**
- 12. Do all of this with a pleasant, cooperative attitude.**

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# Welcome

*Welcome to The Little Country School.* The Little Country School is a place where students are happy and content. Our teachers are fair, firm and consistent. Our school provides an atmosphere conducive to learning, where students feel safe and comfortable.

We are not affiliated with any church, and we do not teach any particular denominational view; however, we do teach Christian morals, good manners, and personal integrity. We encourage our students to always be their best selves and strive for excellence.

At The Little Country School, every day begins with a 30 minute assembly. We say pledges to the American flag, the Christian flag, and the Bible. We also say a pledge of personal integrity. We pray the Lord's Prayer and sing patriotic songs. A Bible story is read each morning, stressing the importance of Christian morals.

The Little Country School has proudly served the Jacksonville community since 1982.

The Little Country School lovingly accepts all children without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin.

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*Where Good Manners, Personal Integrity, and Christian Morals Prevail*

*The Little Country School*  
Is fully accredited, registered with the State of Florida,  
and complies with the Compulsory Education Laws.

## **Our Pledge**

*With earnest hearts and exalted faith and hope, we solemnly pledge this school to its high and holy purpose of educating children. May the youth of this community, for generations to come, gather in this place to receive instruction in knowledge and training in virtue.*

*May they find here every condition necessary for a true and enlightened education. Especially, may their teachers and parents be examples of excellence in scholarship and character, seekers after goodness and truth, lovers of children, enthusiasts and adepts in the finest of all arts, the development and inspiration of human souls.*

*May these rooms always be pervaded with an invigorating atmosphere of mental and moral life, and may no child pass from this school to the outer world without having been made more intelligent, more thoughtful, more courageous, more virtuous, and in every way more capable of wise and just, useful and noble living.*

*To this end, may the blessing of God be upon child and parent, upon pupil and teacher, upon staff and directors and upon everyone whose influence will in any degree affect the work of education as shall be conducted within these walls.*

# General Information

## Accreditation

The Little Country School is fully accredited by the National Private Schools Accreditation Alliance.

## School Colors

Red, White, and Blue

## Student/Teacher Ratio

Student/Teacher ratio is typically 15:1

## Teacher Qualifications

In accordance with Florida Statutes, all of our teachers meet one or more of the following requirements:

- 3 or more years of public and/or private school teaching
- Special skills, knowledge, or expertise that qualifies them to provide instruction in subjects taught
- Baccalaureate Degree or higher

## School Hours

8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

## Extended Day Program

The school opens at 7:00 AM and closes each day at 6:00 PM.

School hours are **8:00 AM – 3:30 PM**.

Students may arrive at school as early as 7:00 AM before school and remain as late as 4:00 PM after school without any additional fees. However, the fee for those parents needing the Extended Day Program after 4:00 PM will be as follows:

- One child: \$100 per month
- Two children: \$140 per month
- Three children: \$185 per month

A daily rate of \$10 per day is available for those who only need to use it occasionally.

## Scholarships

The Little Country School accepts SUFS and McKay scholarships. Check in the office for details.

## Dismissal

When you arrive to pick up your child, let the safety patrol know who you are picking up and they will call it in on the walkie-talkie. You may also come inside and wait for your child(ren). At 3:30 PM, we will call all students whose parents are waiting for them. A teacher or staff member watches to make sure who is picking up each child. Unless students have appointments and are signed out through the school office, they will not be dismissed before 3:30 PM.

## **Assembly**

Each morning begins with an assembly. All students attend. Morning assembly is one of the most important things we do each day. Valuable moral lessons are learned from the Bible stories read each morning. We also sing, say pledges, go over school announcements, and acknowledge birthdays. Morning assembly is a great way to begin each school day!

## **Pledges**

All students need to learn the pledges. We say these every day in assembly.

### **American Flag**

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

### **Christian Flag**

“I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, buried, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.”

### **Bible**

“I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God’s Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will hide its word in my heart that I might not sin against God.”

### **Conduct Pledge**

“I will be respectful at all times and obedient to those in authority over me, and I will not hurt another person with my words or my acts because it is wrong to hurt others.”

## **Identification Badges**

Parents and visitors are asked to obtain a visitor’s badge from the office when visiting the school between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM. This is for safety purposes, and it easily allows school staff to know that the office is aware that you are on campus.

## **Visitors**

When wishing to visit the classroom for any reason, please call first to make arrangements through the office so the normal classroom routine will not be disrupted. Upon arrival, check in at the office and obtain a visitor’s badge. Visitor’s badges are not needed when dropping off or picking up your children before and after school hours. Visitor’s badges are not needed for class parties.

Drop-off items such as lunches, books, etc. should be left in the office to be delivered. Students being picked up for appointments will be brought to the office when needed.

Please understand that any teachers involved in the Extended Day Program cannot effectively watch the children and visit with you. Please make appointments through the office if you need to have a conference or speak to the teacher.

Visitors should not bring in snacks or beverages to be consumed at any time other than lunch time.

## **Lost and Found**

Lost and Found items should be dealt with in the office. For lost sweaters, jackets, etc., check on the coat hooks outside your child's classroom and on the coat hooks across from the water fountains. Please make sure that your child's name is clearly marked in all clothing, dance, and outerwear items.

## **Parties**

In Preschool and Kindergarten, parties are a very important part of the students learning about good manners, holidays, and our culture; therefore, parties will be done as often as the teacher feels valuable.

### **In all other grades, parties will be as follows:**

1. Christmas and Easter parties will be quite elaborate. They will be held on the last school day before the holiday and last from lunch until the end of the school day. Parents are invited to join us for these parties. Parents may help by sending in food and by helping to set up before and clean up after. Each teacher will send home a note giving specific details at least one week prior to the party date.
2. Valentine parties will be limited to the last hour of the school day, and the refreshments will be kept very simple – drinks and cookies only. Other holiday celebrations will be limited to artwork and literature.
3. Birthdays may be celebrated at school in a very simple way. Parents may bring or send cookies or cupcakes to be eaten at lunch time **only**. There may be no gifts at school birthday parties.

Note: Unless all children in the class are being invited to home birthday parties, please do not distribute invitations at school to avoid hurt feelings.

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**

### **How does a doctor's appointment affect my child's absence?**

If the student brings in a note from the doctor and makes up the work, the absence will be considered an excused absence.

### **Do I need a note if my child has been absent or tardy?**

Yes. All students must bring a note when they have been absent or tardy for any reason. A note is required for our records.

### **May I request homework for an absent child?**

Yes, if it is an excused absence, call the school office to make arrangements.

### **What do I need to do if someone else is picking up my child?**

If you know in advance, please send in a note. Otherwise, call the school office.

**May I drop off food for my child?**

Yes, you may drop off forgotten lunch boxes or lunch money in the school office. However, you may not drop off food from a restaurant. Please bring in forgotten lunches by 11:00 A.M. In a case of forgotten lunch money, the child may simply owe for that day and pay the next day.

**May my child heat up or refrigerate food at school?**

No, we do not have a microwave or refrigerator space available for student or teacher use, other than on party days.

**When purchasing school supplies, please keep in mind that your child will need enough supplies for the entire year.**

## **School Supplies**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Preschool</b>                        | crayons (eight basic colors) and pencils  |
| <b>Kindergarten</b>                     | crayons, pencils, and erasers   |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>             | crayons, pencils, and erasers   |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>             | crayons, pencils, erasers, loose-leaf paper, 2 folders  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>             | crayons, pencils, erasers, loose-leaf paper, 2 folders  |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>             | pencils, erasers, loose-leaf paper, and 2 folders   |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>             | pencils, erasers, loose-leaf paper, and 2 folders   |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup></b> | pencils, pens, folder for each subject, loose-leaf paper, compass, protractor, flash drive, headset, and a calculator (scientific calculator for high school) |

**Parents are responsible for replacing student supplies quarterly. Each quarter: three 150 sheet packs of notebook paper, one 40 count package of pencil top erasers, two red pens, three folders, and 24 good quality yellow pencils. Some student's crayons may also need to be replaced.**

**Do Not Bring:**

Individual pencil sharpeners, markers, pens other than red, black, or regular blue, tear-out paper, spiral notebooks, organizers, or notebooks, magazines, catalogues, mechanical pencils, or pens that click, or anything that would be a distraction in the classroom.

**Students are not allowed to have cell phones or other electronic devices at school – not even in their back packs!**

## **Admissions**

### **Procedures**

Appointments for admission may be made by contacting our school office at 757-8200.

### **Admissions Process**

Parents take a guided tour of our school.

Parents and prospective students meet with a school administrator.

Parents complete an admissions application and Student Information form.

- *All fees are non-refundable and are due when application is submitted.*
- *All new students 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and higher will take a placement test.*
- *All students are accepted on a 9 week trial basis.*
- *The Little Country School does not accept and will not keep behavior problems.*

Most students apply by the spring of the previous school year. Students who apply late will be accepted as space allows.

Preschool students must be four years old on or before September 1.

### **Admissions Documents Required**

- **Completed Application for Admission**
- **Student Information Form**
- **Immunization Form (original blue form 680)**  
**K5 and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students require updates**
- **Student Health Exam Form (original yellow form 3040)**
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade students must submit proof of scoliosis screening**
- **Copy of most recent Report Card**
- **Copy of Birth Certificate**
- **Copy of Social Security Card**

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## **Curriculum**

The Little Country School uses the A Beka curriculum and materials developed and/or selected by Dr. Lola I. Jay. Students in the upper grades may also use School of Tomorrow.

Some students may take online courses through Florida Virtual School.

## **Homework**

All students will have some type of homework on a regular basis. Students should spend a minimum of 1 hour each evening reviewing daily work and studying for tests, quizzes, or any other areas of need.

Work not finished at school and/or work with a grade below 70% must be taken home, finished, and turned in before class the next day.

## **Grading Scale**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 90 – 100 | A |
| 80 – 89  | B |
| 70 – 79  | C |
| 60 – 69  | D |
| Below 60 | F |

## **Report Cards**

Report Cards are sent home at the end of each quarter. Specific dates are listed on the calendar on pg. 2 – 3. The last report card and S.A.T. results will be mailed to you in June.

## **Field Trips**

Students wear white uniform shirts and navy bottoms on all field trips, unless specifically stated otherwise. Parents are welcome on field trips as space allows. The teacher has complete authority on field trips. Smoking is never allowed on any field trip at any time. Siblings are not allowed.

## **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

If you wish to have a conference with your child's teacher, please call the school office to set up an appointment time. Conferences are usually scheduled after 3:30 PM.

## **Standardized Testing**



At The Little Country School, students take the Stanford Achievement Test in the spring. See calendar for dates. Results will be mailed with the last report card in June.

## Attendance

### Attendance Policy

School attendance is very important. Students, who miss school for reasons other than emergencies, will not get credit for work missed because they miss important class discussions, oral reading, and detailed instructions. It also causes wasted teacher time and inconvenience to other students.

**Four** unexcused absences in any quarter will result in grades being lowered one letter grade. More than **eight** unexcused absences during the school year will result in failure. Students cannot learn the material covered in school if they are not here.

### Absences

Death in the family and illnesses are excused absences. Students must bring a note stating the reason when returning from any absence. The school administrators will determine if other absences are considered excused. **NO** absence will be excused without a note. Birthdays are **not** considered excused absences. Teachers are not required to give make-up work for unexcused absences.

### Tardiness

Students who are not in class at 8:00 AM are marked tardy. Students who arrive late **must** have a parent or guardian come to the school office and sign them in.

### Make-Up Work

Parents and students need to take responsibility for getting any missed assignments. Parents may call the office to make arrangements to pick up make-up work for a student who is out sick.

## School Closings due to Bad Weather

**If Duval County Public Schools close due to weather conditions, we will close as well. However, we may be able to return to school earlier than the public schools. Call the school to hear a recorded message on when**

**to return. If there is no message, it means there is no power, and therefore no school.**

## 2019 – 2020 Financial Information

| <u>Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</u> | <u>6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</u> | <u>9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u> |
|---|--|---|
| Reg. Fees     \$150                     | Reg. Fees     \$150                          | Reg. Fees     \$150                           |
| Book-Use Fee \$300                      | Book-Use Fee \$300                           | Book-Use Fee \$300                            |
| Activity Fee   \$125                    | Activity Fee   \$125                         | Activity Fee   \$125                          |
| Yearbook Fee \$25                       | Yearbook Fee \$25                            | Yearbook Fee \$25                             |
| <u>Tuition</u> \$6200                   | <u>Tuition</u> \$6500                        | <u>Tuition</u> \$6700                         |
| <b>Total</b> <b>\$6800</b>              | <b>Total</b> <b>\$7100</b>                   | <b>Total</b> <b>\$7300</b>                    |

### Total of fees for all students is \$600

*All fees are non-refundable and are due by July 1, 2019*

*\*\* (With the exception of those who choose payment option 2 below)*

| Options  | Payment Plans  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Child                         |         |
|----------|--|---|---------|
| (1)_____ | 10 Monthly Payments (Tuition Only)<br><i>August 1, 2019 – May 1, 2020</i>  | <i>9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</i> | \$670   |
|          |  | <i>6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>  | \$650   |
|          |  | <i>PK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>              | \$620   |
| (2)_____ | **10 Monthly Payments – Tuition and Fees<br><i>August 1, 2019 – May 1, 2020</i><br><i>(Includes monthly installment fee of \$10 per month)</i> | <i>9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</i> | \$740   |
|          |  | <i>6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>  | \$720   |
|          |  | <i>PK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>              | \$690   |
| (3)_____ | Full Payment of Tuition and Fees (5% discount)<br><i>Must be paid in full no later than July 1, 2019</i>                                       | <i>9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</i> | \$6,935 |
|          |  | <i>6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>  | \$6,745 |
|          |  | <i>PK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</i>              | \$6,460 |

Payments are due on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

A \$25 late fee will be assessed on the 11<sup>th</sup> of each month for unpaid accounts.

### Sibling Discounts

The oldest child is considered the first child; siblings receive a 5% discount on tuition.

### Scholarships

Some students may be eligible for either the Step Up for Students or McKay scholarships. Parents are responsible for any balance not covered by the scholarship.

### Returned Checks

There is a \$40 fee for all returned checks.

### Past Due Balances

Accounts with excessive or continuous past due balances may be subject to discontinued service until the account is brought current.

### **Extended Day Fees (4:00 PM – 6:00 PM)**

One Child - \$100 per month

Two Children - \$140 per month

Three Children - \$185 per month

A daily rate of \$10 per day is available for those who only need to use it occasionally.

## **Dress Code**

**(All rules regarding dress code will be strictly enforced.)**

### **Uniforms**

All students in grades preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade wear uniforms. Uniforms may be purchased from the store of your choice, but must meet the following criteria: they must fit properly (no baggy, skin tight, hip-hugger/low-rise, mid-calf, or skinny jean styles). Colors for shirts are: red, white, or navy polo style shirts. Colors for bottoms (slacks, shorts, or skirts) are: navy or tan khaki. Shorts must be the appropriate length. All students need at least one white uniform shirt and one navy blue uniform bottom (slacks preferred) for school programs. All boys participating in dance must have a white uniform shirt and navy blue uniform shorts.

### **T-Shirts**

Only solid white tee shirts may be worn under the uniform shirts. However, on very cold days, students may wear a long-sleeve turtle-neck shirt of matching color under the uniform shirt.

### **Belts**

**All 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders must wear standard black, navy, brown, or tan belts with uniforms.**

(No scarves, neckties, etc. may be worn as belts) NO pink, purple, striped, etc. belts.

### **Socks, Tights, Shoes**

Solid colored socks or full length tights must be worn with all shoes (**red, white, navy, or tan only**). For safety and appearance, **only** oxfords, loafers, or tennis shoes may be worn. No crocks, sandals, jellies, boots, high top tennis shoes, or work shoes, etc. may be worn. Colors are: solid colored navy, brown, black, or white. NO orange, purple, green, pink, etc. shoes, stripes, or laces.

### **Dance Days**

Students who plan to participate in dance **must** have all dance attire, including shoes by the first day of school, and **must** be dressed properly for every dance class.

### **Girls**

#### **Tap Dance:**

**K4 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Basic black, short-sleeve leotard, low heel black tap shoes, and black tights.

**6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Basic black, short-sleeve leotard, high or low heel tap shoes (determined by dance teacher), and flesh shimmer tights.

#### **Ballet:**

All girls in ballet will wear basic black, short sleeve leotard with flesh shimmer tights and standard, pink ballet shoes.

#### **Gymnastics:**

Same as tap, with light-weight white tennis shoes.

### **Boys**

**Tap Dance:**

Navy uniform shorts and white uniform shirt (Navy sweat pants and white uniform shirt may be worn on cold days) and black, hard-soled shoes or boys black tap shoes.

**Gymnastics:**

Same as tap; boys take gymnastics bare-footed.

**Outerwear**

Only the following outerwear may be worn inside:  
Official uniform jackets, sweatshirts, and sweaters  
Solid colored red, white, or navy zipper front sweatshirts which may be purchased at Wal-mart, Target, etc.

All other outerwear may only be worn outside. It must be hung on the coat racks outside the classroom. Denim, flannel, and camouflage are not permitted at all.

A uniform shirt must be worn under sweatshirts, including the uniform sweatshirt.

**Hair/Grooming/Appearance**Boys

Hair should be neatly groomed at all times. No extreme hairstyles. Light highlighting is allowed. Hair length should not be below the eyebrows, the top of the ears, or the back of the collar. No ponytails, rat tails, braids, etc. No piercing in ears or on the body. No tattoos. Shirts must be tucked in at all times except at P.E. Large or excessive jewelry is not permitted. No strong colognes may be worn.

Girls

Hair should be neatly groomed at all times. No extreme hairstyles. Only natural hair color is permitted. Light highlighting is allowed. No piercing except for one earring per ear and only in the earlobe. No tattoos. Shirts must be tucked in at all times except at P.E. Large or excessive jewelry is not permitted. No strong perfumes may be worn.

**Dress Code Violations**

A uniform compliance form is sent home when students do not meet dress code. Parents are to sign and return the form to school, as well as, correct the problem. Excessive violations could be grounds for dismissal.

**Preschool – Change of Clothes**

All preschool children are to keep a change of clothes in their book bags. This change of clothes does not have to be uniform dress code.

Please make sure that student's names are clearly visible in all clothing items which could accidentally be mistaken for someone else's property.

# Conduct

## Behavior

At The Little Country School, we allow no rude language. This includes swear words, street language, inappropriate use of names of body parts, teasing, lying, gossiping, spreading rumors, and any other non-Christian use of language.

Inside and outside, students keep their hands to themselves at all times. There will be no bullying, pulling, pushing, or doing anything to anyone that one would not want done to himself.

We expect every student to follow a Christian Code of Ethics, which promotes honesty, cooperation, pleasant attitudes, and hard work. We also expect each student to take pride in himself, his family, and his school; with all of us working together to be the very best we can possibly be.

At The Little Country School, we pray that every student, parent, and teacher will work together to help all of us grow to our highest potential – physically, mentally, and spiritually.

## Discipline

Discipline should be taught at home so that children behave properly at school. Each child will be busily involved in interesting, challenging work at his own ability level. He will be in an environment which is nurturing and supportive. He will be surrounded by teachers and peers who will provide models of appropriate behavior. We will expect discipline to come from within. We will use the least force necessary to maintain a pleasant learning atmosphere. No corporal punishment will be used. Administrators work with teachers to develop age appropriate consequences for inappropriate behavior.

## Daily Conduct Pledge

*"I will be respectful at all times and obedient to those in authority over me; and I will not hurt another person with my words or my acts, because it is wrong to hurt others."*

Students are to memorize this pledge because we say it every day in assembly.

# Health and Safety

## Immunization Requirements

All students entering school must provide proof of immunization. Students entering school for the first time must have a physical exam and meet all state immunization requirements. Your doctor will provide a Student Health Examination Form (Form 3040 – Yellow) and a Florida Certificate of Immunization Form (Form 680 – Blue). The originals of these forms must be completed and on file in the school office by the first day of school. Students will not be allowed to attend school without them. Kindergarten and seventh grade students require updated to their immunizations.

## Scoliosis Screening

Students entering sixth grade must be screened for scoliosis and submit proof of screening by the first day of school.

## Illness

Any child who has a fever of 100 or higher, diarrhea, or vomiting is considered ill and should be kept at home. Students who become ill at school will be sent home immediately. Students may not return to school until symptom free for 24 hours.

## Medications

Any medication a student may need to take during the school day must be kept in the office. Parents need to take the medication to the office and fill out a medication form. **Students may not keep any medicine with them.**

# Student Activities

## **Safety Patrol**

Students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or higher exhibiting exemplary behavior and academic effort will be invited to become a member of the School Safety Patrol Team.

Students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade exhibiting those same traits may be invited to become a member of the Jr. Safety Patrol Team.

## **Dance: Tap, Gymnastics, and Ballet**

Participation in dance is required for all students in preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. After 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, students may choose whether or not they wish to continue. A dance recital is given every spring.

Dance requires strict self-discipline. Students will not be allowed to take dance if they do not come prepared with the proper attire or if they are disruptive. Students who miss more than six lessons during the year, for any reason will not be prepared for the recital and will be taken out of dance. Exemplary behavior and maximum effort is required to participate.

### **Students must have the proper dance attire by September 1.**

See pg. 18 for dancewear.

## **Music**

Students at The Little Country School participate in music in various ways. We have several choral groups, choir chime groups, handbell groups, and class piano. Students learn concepts of music theory which they put to use in these various groups.

## **Heart Day**

Heart Day is usually held on a Friday in April. It is an opportunity to learn about heart health and to participate in fun heart healthy activities.

## **Graduation**

High School Graduation – Tuesday May 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Preschool/Kindergarten Graduation - Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM

There is a \$10 graduation fee which includes the use of cap and gown, and a tassel and diploma which they keep.

## Miscellaneous

### **Student Birthdays**

Please see #3 under Parties on pg. 12

### **Items Not Allowed at School**

Weapons of any kind

Chewing gum

Watches that beep

Ipods

Pagers

Cell phones

Radios

CD players

Magazines (unless approved by teacher for classroom use)

Hats

Denim Jackets

Camouflage Jackets or clothing

Rebel flags and clothing depicting Rebel flags

School items listed under “Do Not Bring” on the school supply list (pg. 13 )

Any item deemed inappropriate or disruptive

### **Student Driving**

Students’ ability to drive to school is a privilege – not a right. This privilege is limited to high school Juniors and Seniors only. Juniors and Seniors who have academic and/or behavior issues, may have that privilege revoked.

### **Yearbook**

Pictures taken by students or parents which would be appropriate for the year book are gladly accepted through March 1, each year.

### **Summer Camp**

The Little Country School Camp is 8 great weeks of fun! Summer camp runs for two 4 week sessions in June and July. Children must be four years old by September 1, in order to attend camp.



Children wear tee shirts, shorts/pants and tennis shoes; however, no baggy or extreme styles will be acceptable. All students must bring a swim suit, towel. (flip flops to wear to the pool only)

Hours are from 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM.  
For more information, contact the school office.

## Requirements For High School Graduation

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:

#### Credits Earned

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Algebra I           | 1 credit |
| English I           | 1 credit |
| World History       | 1 credit |
| Biology             | 1 credit |
| Music I             | 1 credit |
| French or Spanish I | 1 credit |
| Personal Fitness    | ½ credit |

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**Total Credits**      **6 ½ credits**

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:

#### Credits Earned

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Geometry             | 1 credit |
| English II           | 1 credit |
| World Geography      | 1 credit |
| Physical Science     | 1 credit |
| Music II             | 1 credit |
| French or Spanish II | 1 credit |
| Volleyball           | ½ credit |

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**Total Credits**      **6 ½ credits**

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade:

#### Credits Earned

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Algebra II       | 1 credit |
| English III      | 1 credit |
| American History | 1 credit |
| Chemistry        | 1 credit |
| Music III        | 1 credit |
| Computer App I   | 1 credit |
| Basketball       | ½ credit |

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**Total Credits**      **6 ½ credits**

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:

#### Credits Earned

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| B. Math or Pre Cal | 1 credit |
| English IV         | 1 credit |
| Civics/Economics   | 1 credit |
| Physics            | 1 credit |
| Music IV           | 1 credit |
| Computer App II    | 1 credit |
| Team Sports        | ½ credit |

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**Total Credits**      **6 ½ credits**

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

| Subject              | Credit Requirement | Requirement Met By:   |
|----------------------|--------------------|---|
| Language Arts        | 4 credits          | English I, II, III, and IV  |
| Mathematics          | 3 credits          | Algebra I and II, Geometry  |
| Science              | 4 credits          | Biology, Physical Sci, Chemistry,<br>And Physics                          |
| Social Studies       | 4 credits          | World Geography, World History,<br>American History, and Civics/Economics |
| Vocational Education | 1 credit           | Computer Applications I   |

Performing Fine Arts      1 credit  
Life Management Skills    ½ credit  
Physical Education        ½ credit  
Electives                    8 credits

Music I  
Personal Fitness  
Volleyball  
Music II, III, IV; Basketball; Team Sports;  
French or Spanish I, II; Business Math or  
Pre-Calculus; Computer Applications II

**Total Credits Required      26**

**Total Credits Earned            26**

## **OUR CREED**

### **“I AM SOMEBODY”**

I am responsible for my behavior,  
And what I become in life.  
Life does not accept excuses.  
I will not let my need to be accepted by the gang  
Keep me from doing what is right.  
I am somebody.  
I am unique.  
There never has been and never will be  
Another person like me.  
I don't have to pretend to be something that I am not.  
I am somebody.  
Losers let it happen, winners make it happen.  
Therefore, when faced with a mountain,  
**I WILL NOT QUIT!**  
I will keep on striving until I climb over,  
Find a pass through,  
Tunnel underneath,  
Or simply stay and turn the mountain into a gold mine...  
I will do my best.  
I know I can.  
I am a winner.  
**I AM SOMEBODY!**

# OUR DETERMINATION

## “DON’T QUIT”

When things go wrong as they sometimes will  
When the road you’re trudging seems all uphill  
When the funds are low and the debts are high  
And you want to smile but you have to sigh  
When care is pressing you down a bit  
Rest if you must but don’t you quit!

Life is queer with its twists and turns  
As everyone of us sometimes learns  
And many a failure turns about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out  
Don’t give up though the pace seems slow  
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt  
And you never can tell how close you are  
It may be near when it seems so far.

So stick to the fight when you’re hardest hit  
It’s when things seem worst that you  
**MUST NOT QUIT!**

# OUR RESOLUTION

## “PROMISE YOURSELF”

Promise yourself to be so strong  
That nothing can disturb your peace of mind.  
To talk health, happiness, and prosperity  
To every person you meet.  
To make all your friends feel  
That there is something in them.  
To look at the sunny side of everything  
And make your optimism come true.  
To think only of the best,  
To work for the best,  
And expect only the best.  
To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others  
As you are about your own.  
To forget the mistakes of the past  
And press on to the greater achievement of the future.  
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times  
And give every living creature you meet a smile.  
To give so much time to the improvement of yourself  
That you have no time to criticize others.  
To be too large for worry,  
Too noble for anger,  
Too strong for fear,  
And too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



**The Little Country School**  
**2019 – 2020**  
**Parent/Student Affirmation Form**

It is very important that parents, students, and the school be in total agreement concerning school policies. Therefore, all parents and students 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or higher must affirm that they have read The Little Country School Parent and Student Handbook and will support the school in all matters. This is required to complete the registration process and must be submitted with all the other required documentation.

We have read and agree to abide by **all** policies as set forth in The Little Country School Parent/Student Handbook. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

We agree to meet all our financial responsibilities on time, and we understand that failure to do so may result in our child(ren) not being permitted to return to class until our account is paid; and we further understand that these absences will not be excused. We also understand that a **financial hold** will be placed on our child(ren)'s report card(s) and school records until our account is paid. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

We agree to fully abide by The Little Country School's Dress Code. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

We agree to fully abide by The Little Country School's Conduct Policy. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

We understand that in order to ensure the safety of all students, the school reserves the right to search students' belongings anytime it is deemed necessary. Items include, but are not limited to, book bags, dance bags, purses, backpacks, and vehicles.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

We understand that our child(ren) will not be able to start school without all required payments and documentation, including this Affirmation Form. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

Please remove this page, sign, and return it with the completed registration forms.

