



ADAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2009 Texas Exemplary School



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Dear Adam Parents,

We had a wonderful first day of school. The children were happy to be back at school and the teachers were eager to begin the school year. However, the most likely first day memory may have been the long car rider lines. Please know we began work immediately to make changes so the car rider system would work as efficiently and conveniently as possible. Thank you for your patience as we work through our new procedures.

Our arrival system for car riders is working well. Today we began unloading cars at 8:20, and finished at 8:52 a.m. The students are learning how to safely exit their cars and walk to class. This is great for our second day of school! We expect this system to become more efficient each day as students learn this routine.

We are changing a few procedures at dismissal to help make that system work smoothly and quickly. Our car riders are dismissed 5 minutes before the rest of the students. They will now gather in the cafeteria in number order instead of by grade level. PPCD, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten students will gather in the music room instead of the cafeteria. This will help both students and teachers know where to look when the numbers are called, and keep our youngest students secluded. We have also created a visual for the students, and are getting them in “staging” lines in the cafeteria. We want to have the students ready to go to the colored parking spots as soon as the cars stop moving. In addition, we are practicing with each grade level today so that they understand this system, and changes that we are making.

Yesterday we loaded about 300 cars. We are loading 24 cars at a time, so although the lines appear long, we should be able to move quickly as the system becomes more routine. As the students learn their car tag numbers, we will be able to load more cars faster.

Things that you can do to help us:

- 1. Be patient and calm.**
- 2. Help your child learn their car tag number.**
- 3. Organize carpools.**
- 4. Remove the green car tag from your rearview mirror after you have all of your riders.**
- 5. Put your car in park and have students enter and exit the cars from the passenger side.**

Thanks as always for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Beth May
Principal