

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!

September 2018

Dear Parents,

We are so thrilled to embark on this journey with you and your children. We can guarantee that this year in kindergarten will be full of learning, creativity, and FUN! As kindergarten is an exciting new experience, we would like to share some important information about this upcoming school year.

Back to School Night

Our School Two "Back to School Night" will be held in September (date TBD). We look forward to seeing you then. We will be sharing pertinent information about class routines, curriculum, etc.

Kindergarten Dismissal

Kindergarten students are dismissed at 2:50 everyday. On half days, kindergarten students are dismissed at 12:50.

Contacting the School

You can reach your child's teacher directly by e-mail. You can also call the school number (201-585-4630) and enter the class extension number (more details to follow). We will check our voicemail at the end of the day and will try to get back to you as soon as possible. ***However, if you are calling regarding a change in dismissal, lunch, or another immediate matter, please make sure to call the main office so the message will get to us on time.***

Snack

Please send your children with a snack every day. We eat snack around 10:00/10:15 each morning. Please make sure the snack is wrapped separately so your child knows the difference between snack and lunch. We never allow children to share snack as we have students with allergies. Please make sure all snacks are nut-free. Your children will receive milk at snack time if you fill out the milk order form.

Lunch

You have the option to provide "home lunch" for your child or to allow them to order "school lunch". Each month a lunch menu will be sent home and is also posted on the school website. Please be sure that your child knows whether they have home lunch or plan to order school lunch. If your child is ordering lunch, please make sure that they are aware of which option they are choosing that day (hot lunch, bagel, yogurt, etc.). This is very important, especially at the beginning of the year when kindergarten students are adjusting to new routines.

Specials

Every day the students will visit one special area teacher: Music, Gym, Library, Art. You will receive your child's specials schedule in September. Please remember to wear sneakers on Gym days and return books on Library days.

Homework

The students will have three homework assignments to work on each night. Please assist your children in completing these assignments and send them back to school the following day. Homework will begin on a later date in September to allow the children some time to adjust to new school routines. A more detailed letter explaining homework will be sent home. Each night the students will have:

1. Literacy choice board activity (practicing sight words)
2. Math workbook page (front and back)
3. Book baggie (read for 15 minutes)

Scholastic Reading Club

Each month we will be sending home Scholastic Reading Club order forms. You can earn free books for your child's classroom by ordering! There are two ways you can order:

1. Please fill out the back of the order form completely and return it in an envelope with a check only made payable to Scholastic Reading Club. There will be a due date written on the top of the order form. We will place the order shortly after the due date and your books should arrive within a week or so.
2. Visit the Scholastic website and place your order using your class code. We will place the order shortly after the due date and your books should arrive within a week or so.

Folders

Most importantly, please be sure to check your child's folder each night. We will be sending home completed classwork and important notices from the school. Many of these notices require your signature and need to be returned, so please make sure to review the folders each night. ***Important: If you are sending in money for any reason, please be sure to label the envelope with your child's name, class, and reason for sending.***

We are really looking forward to a successful year with your children! Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Teachers

