

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Kindergarten! I am looking forward to working with you and your child so that we may have an exciting and productive year. **The first day of school for Kindergarten students is Monday, September 15, 2014.**

Please keep this information in a safe place for reference throughout the year.

- School hours are from **8:30 a.m. to 3:09 p.m.** Your child should be outside in the Kindergarten yard by 8:25 a.m. **Kindergarten dismissal time is 3:00 p.m.** On **early dismissal days, school will end at 12:00 p.m.** If you need to pick up your child early for any reason, **YOU MUST FIRST GO TO THE MAIN OFFICE TO SIGN YOUR CHILD OUT.** Once you have done this, the office will call to inform me that your child will be leaving early.
- In the event of an emergency or inclement weather, please listen to KYW 1060 AM or watch the local news to find out if school will be closed, closing early, or have a late opening.
- When your child is absent, a note explaining the absence is required the day your child returns to school. If a note is not received, the absence will be marked as UNEXCUSED.
- **Homework will begin the last week of September.** The homework folder is given out on Monday and is due back on Friday. Give your child help and encouragement, but please do not complete the homework for your child. Otherwise, it is difficult for me to assess their knowledge of the skills being taught. Please **DO NOT WORK AHEAD**, as the material has not yet been taught. Homework **should be signed nightly** by the parent/guardian and your child's name should appear on each page written by him/her.
- **Daily Behavior Chart-** Your child will be given a behavior chart daily. You will need a yellow folder with pockets inside. This folder must be signed by you each night and brought to school each day. It is one way I communicate with you daily. If your child receives a green sticker, then he/she had a good day. If your child receives a yellow sticker, then he/she did not follow 1-2 classroom/school rules. If your child receives a red sticker, he/she exhibited inappropriate behavior that day. An explanation of the inappropriate behavior will be listed on the behavior chart.

- About once a month you will receive a Book Club Order form. If you do not wish to order anything, simply throw the form out. Order forms are due back to me within one week. Please make sure to fill out the form completely, enclose a check (PLEASE NO MONEY), and place both items in a sealed envelope with your child's name on the front.
- You will receive a monthly calendar with important information on it. Please keep this calendar in a safe place. The calendar will list all scheduled school closings and early dismissals.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A SCHOOL UNIFORM.

- BOYS- navy blue pants, yellow collared shirts, sweaters (in the cold weather), and black/brown dress shoes / sneakers. *No Jeans or White T-shirts.*
- GIRLS- navy blue skirts/jumpers/knee length skorts or pants, yellow collared shirts/blouses, and black/brown dress shoes / sneakers. *GIRLS SHOULD WEAR SHORTS UNDER THEIR SKIRTS. No Jeans, Mini Skirts, Halter Tops, T-Tops, or Flip-Flops.*

Please notify me immediately if there is a change in address, phone number, emergency contacts, or escorts for picking up your child. For safety reasons I will not allow your child to leave school with an adult that I have not met or been previously informed of as an escort. Also, it is school policy that I see each child leave with an adult.

WAYS TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL:

1. Help your child get to bed early
2. Help your child practice writing their name
3. Help your child practice recognizing & writing the letters of the alphabet
4. Read to your child daily

PREP SCHEDULE:

Monday-

Tuesday-

Wednesday-

Thursday-

Friday-

*** On gym days, please make sure your child wears loose clothing (school uniform colors are still required) and sneakers.

- **Please empty your child's book bag nightly.** Look for important papers that might be sent home by the main office or me. In

addition, please remove your child's daily work and keep it to review with your child when needed.

- Please do not allow your child to come to school with toys, cell phones, or money unless it is required for a class trip or book order.
- Make sure ALL CLOTHING that is brought into school has your child's name written on the label in permanent magic marker. Since school uniforms are required, all the children have similar clothing.
- CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES OR WHO DO NOT LIKE A VARIETY OF FOODS SHOULD BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH.
If bringing their own lunch, please send in a juice box rather than a thermos, can or bottle because it is much easier for small children to handle and there is less of a chance for it to break. Also, please do not send in CANDY, COOKIES, or anything with SUGAR in it.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please call me directly **BEFORE 8:20 a.m. or AFTER 3:20 p.m.** Excessive phone calls throughout the day disrupt the teaching. You can leave me a message at the main office by calling (215) 727-2155. You may also write me a note and send it in with your child, or we can talk when you pick your child up at the end of the day. I believe in continuous communication with parents. It is important for me to establish a positive relationship with you early, as I will be regularly contacting you to discuss your child's progress.

Thank you in advance for your support! With your cooperation and dedication to your child's education, I know this will be a happy and safe, yet challenging and rewarding year for your child.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Weiner

