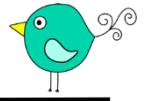




# Kindergarten Information



Dear Families,

The long awaited “*First Day*” is right around the corner! It was wonderful to have had the opportunity to meet many of you in June. We are so excited for the class to come together soon!

The first weeks of school are so busy and fun! We would like to share with you that our goal is to create a caring classroom community where we can all enjoy learning together in the year ahead. ☺

Here is some information about our classroom and kindergarten procedures you may find helpful. Please contact us if you have any further questions. ☺

## *What will my child need?*



- 📌 **BACKPACK:** Backpacks should be large enough to hold library books as well as our Kindergarten Envelope (envelope provided by the school). You do not need to purchase a folder. Important notes will be sent home in your child's *Kindergarten Envelope*. Please review the information and return the envelope daily, enclosing any replies.
- 📌 **SNACK/DRINK:** Families are responsible for sending in a snack each day. Students may also bring a drink or use the water fountain. If your child is bringing lunch to school, please pack the snack separately to ensure that it is not eaten at lunchtime. Our snack break will be in the afternoon as we have an early lunch time (around 11:00). Breakfast is available in the cafeteria from 8:10 – 8:40 if you would like your child to have a morning snack.
- 📌 **CLOTHING:** Sturdy shoes or sneakers are the safest for running and climbing outdoors on the playground and playscape. It is helpful to keep a labeled bag with a spare change of clothes in your child's backpack.
- 📌 **QUIET TIME:** After lunch & recess, there will be a “Quiet Time” during which the children will have the opportunity to rest. It is a time for them to give their body & brain a break before the afternoon tasks. They may bring a special stuffed friend and/or a special book to look at during rest time.

## *What do I need to know right away?*

- 📅 **FIRST DAY:** The children will be met at the buses by teachers and support staff. They will escort the children directly to their classroom and help with any nervousness or uncertainty for the first weeks. The children are amazing at learning their way into school! 😊
- 📅 **PICK UPS require a note:** If you are going to pick your child up or if s/he is going home with someone else or going somewhere besides home, you **MUST** send in a note indicating this. Parents or your designee must check in at the office before your child will be dismissed. More information will be sent home from the school.
- 📅 **DROP OFFS-8:10 – 8:30:** School hours are 8:30-3:10. If you bring your child to school, students can be dropped off between 8:10 and 8:30.
- 📅 **ABSENCE call the nurse:** If your child is absent from school for any reason, please telephone Mrs. Curtiss, the school nurse **(860-742-7313 ext. 2157)** on that day or beforehand. If a long absence is anticipated, please make the school aware of this.
- 📅 **BIRTHDAYS:** Birthdays are special of course! Our class celebrates with songs and cheers! If you wish to send in something special for your child's birthday, this makes the celebration extra special. Please let us know in advance so we can plan on it.

We look forward to working with you to make this a rewarding year for your child. Finally, **we thank you for sharing your precious child with us.** This is a monumental year. Be assured, we cherish this opportunity!

Sincerely,

**The Kindergarten Team**

