



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Hello and welcome to Kindergarten! We are delighted to be working with your child this year. We have an exciting year planned full of opportunities for learning and growing.

In Kindergarten, students work in groups, and by themselves to practice academic skills and deepen their understanding of our world. There are many "hands on" activities that encourage the students to use their senses to help them learn new ideas. Technology is used as good source of information, and to provide opportunities to go beyond the books in the classroom. As they work together, the students become skilled in acceptable social routines, such as speaking politely, sharing materials and showing concern for their classmates. Trips and school performances add to their base of knowledge and are always lots of fun!

Children work best when they are well rested, and arrive at school on time. **The students begin working in the classrooms promptly at 8:00 AM. Bringing your child to school at about 7:55 AM helps them begin their day alongside their classmates.**

Many children will be wearing the school uniform this fall. **It is very important to write your son/daughter's name on or inside all sweaters, sweatshirts and jackets, bookbags and lunch boxes.** Children bringing lunch to school should bring it in a bag with handles. It is difficult for children to hold water bottles, lunch bags and the staircase railing at the same time. We work hard to keep the students safe. Try to use a water bottle that will fit into their lunch box.

Please dress students in comfortable clothing that they can take off and put on in order to use the bathroom. We cannot enter the bathroom to help students undress or dress. In addition, we have either gym or playground time every day of the week. Students should wear sneakers, or closed shoes, every day and girls who wear skirts should wear leggings or shorts underneath them.

Please fill out all forms and return them to school as soon as possible. We appreciate your consideration.

We will keep you informed about class and school activities through newsletters and calendars. We are always available; if you have any questions or concerns, please write us a note.

Thank you for all your assistance now and during the school year. Together we will make this school year a great success! We look forward to an exciting and productive year.

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Teachers