

Welcome to Kindergarten A!

Welcome to our class! We are so excited to spend this school year with you! We wanted to send along some information that will help us all get settled!

Communication:

Seesaw – This is our main source of communication! Seesaw is an app that you can download to your phone. We have created a file for each student where we upload daily photos showing what they are learning. Each students' folder is private to their families. We also use Seesaw to send out announcements and reminders when needed. Parents and teachers are also able to communicate through private messaging. This is especially handy as there isn't always enough time during drop-off and pick-up times to chat. Please see the attached instruction sheet to start using Seesaw today!!!

Monthly Newsletter and Calendar – Each month we will send home a newsletter and calendar highlighting what will be happening in our classroom and school community.

Mailbags – Each student will have a mailbag that we will send home only when there is paperwork to come home. In the past, we had students bring their mailbags back and forth to school each day, but with using seesaw for daily communication, we found that it isn't necessary to send bags home daily, and often results in mailbags getting lost.

Change of Clothes

Please send in a change of clothes with your child that we can keep in their cubby buckets. We can get pretty messy at this age with painting, mud, and sometimes accidents happen. Soiled clothes will be sent home in a plastic bag. Please remember to send back some clean replacements!

Footwear

All students will need two sets of footwear for the school year – outdoor and indoor. Indoor shoes will be kept at school in your child's cubby. These shoes should have rubber soles so they can be used for phys-ed classes. The children are already getting into the habit of changing into their indoor shoes as soon as they come into the classroom from outside. Little kindergarteners spend a lot of their time sitting and playing on the floor, so it's important that we aren't tracking dirt in from the outdoors. By Please don't send shoes with laces unless your child knows how to tie them without assistance.

Drop Off & Dismissal

Just a reminder that our students line up in the morning at the back school yard doors for the morning bell at 9:00. JK's and SK's each have their own line right in front of the doors. We have been practicing our lining up this week, and reminding students to come to the line quickly so that we can enter the school together. The older classes cannot enter until we are out of the way, so we are working at making this procedure smooth and quick!

Students are dismissed at our side classroom door. Kindergarten dismissal happens between 3:00 – 3:15. We make an effort to have the little ones dismissed early enough so they don't get lost in the big kid shuffle at the 3:20 bell!

Labels!!

Please label EVERYTHING that your child brings to school. All clothing items, backpacks, lunch bags, drink containers, and even food containers. Not many students know or remember which items belong to them at this age. Belongings get lost at school all the time, so the labels really help us keep track! If an item does get lost, we have a small lost and found that you can check in our classroom, as well as a larger school lost and found that is located by our gym.

Donations

Thank you to those who have already sent in Craft materials and other supplies. We always welcome anything that you'd like to give. Some items that we always need are Kleenex, plastic spoons, Ziploc bags, etc...

Beautiful Junk

Friday's in our Class are special to our students! This is when we do most of our Crafting and inventing. Students have the freedom to use assorted materials to create whatever they'd like. Toilet paper and paper towel rolls, old magazines, stickers, small boxes, ribbon, yarn, feathers, etc... feel free to send us your junk!!

Scholastic Book Orders

Each month your child will bring home an order form for Scholastic books. Our classroom earns points each time a student orders from Scholastic. We use those points to purchase books and supplies for our room! All ordering is now done online. Please see the attached instruction sheet to get you started.

Looking forward to sharing in your child's learning adventures!!

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