

## Welcome to kindergarten!

I understand your concerns as you send your child off to kindergarten. Please rest assured that we will do everything possible to give your child the appropriate care and attention needed. I am looking forward to a challenging, fun, and productive year. I will work to design activities that will stimulate academic growth and positive social development. In order for this to be a successful year, we must work together, giving each other daily support. Your help, support, and involvement are greatly appreciated.

As your child begins this new experience, I would like to recommend that you take the following actions:

- Young children need about 10 hours of sleep to do well in school. I suggest a regular bedtime each night.
- Please take time to provide breakfast for your child. If this is not possible at home, breakfast is available at school.
- Convey a positive attitude about school. If you are enthusiastic, your child is more likely to enjoy school.
- Praise your child for the good things that he/she does. Always accent the positive!
- Review all notes and work that your child brings home. Assist your child in areas in which he/she may be having difficulties.
- Set aside a time for reading to your child on a daily basis. Children who are read to become readers themselves.
- Let your child settle quarrels or difficulties that may arise with school friends. Children need to be allowed to develop problem-solving skills. You may always contact me if you have any concerns.
- You will receive a weekly homework packet (when we have 3 or more days of school in a week). Please return all homework together on Friday. Completing homework will help your child to practice school skills and it allows you to see areas of strength and weakness.
- Label your child's belongings.
- Do not send toys to school.
- To avoid bathroom accidents, please be sure that your child is able to remove his/her own clothes.
- Punctuality and attendance is important in kindergarten. It will set attendance patterns for the years to come.

I look forward to working with you this year. If you have any questions or concerns, here is my contact information:

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My preferred method of contact is through e-mail. You may also send notes to school. I will answer as quickly as possible.

Thank you,

Theresa Richman