

General Transitional Kindergarten Information

Aftercare - If your child attends our aftercare program he/she will be escorted to that room after school. The rest of our students will meet up with parents on our sidewalk or in car line.

Allergies - Please make sure we are aware of any allergies your child may have.

Birthdays - Birthdays are very important to children. In TK, we will celebrate your child's birthday in a special way. Your child may bring a special birthday snack to share with his/her classmates. Please note that birthday snacks must be prepackaged or bakery purchased.

Clothing - Please dress your child in comfortable clothing appropriate for the weather and for preschool (please note... WE MIGHT GET MESSY!!!) . Please also leave a full change of clothing in your child's locker (in a ziplock bag) as a quick remedy for accidents and messy play. Shoes and Boots - Teachers LOVE VELCRO and shoes/boots that students can independently put on and take off.

Folders - Your child will be bringing home a home folder every night. Please check through it and send it back every morning.

Lunch - Students may bring a lunch from home or purchase a school lunch. If bringing from home, please have your child practice opening and closing lunch bags/boxes and inside containers prior to the start of school. It also helps to pre-snip packaged foods so your child can easily open wrappers. Our TK class will be lunching in the cafeteria.

Newsletters - A weekly update will be sent home via email or the home folder at the end of each week.

Parent Involvement - We love parent involvement! Your support of school activities makes your child feel important and sends the message that you value school. Requests for help will be published in our weekly newsletters. We also invite you to become one of our mystery readers and play-doh makers.

Restrooms - Children are allowed to use the restrooms as needed. They are located in the classroom and down the hallway. Please make sure your child is independent in the restroom before the start of school.

Student of the Day/Show and Tell - Every day we will have a "student of the day." The student of the day gets to do all the classroom jobs and run our calendar routine. On your child's special day they may bring an item for show and tell. Please check the monthly calendar for your child's day and suggestions for an item to bring (typically correlates with our monthly theme).

Toys - Toys should NOT be brought to school.

Water bottle - Feel free to send a water bottle for your child to use (please label with your child's name).

You! - Please remember that **YOU** are your child's first and most important teacher. No one can influence your child's life in the way that you can! You can help to make your child feel successful this year by discussing your child's school day with them. Ask questions like, "What did you learn today?", "What did you work the hardest on?", "What was the best part of your day?", "What are you getting better at?", "What kind thing did someone do for you (you do for someone else) today?", "What is one way you helped a friend today?" These questions cause children to reflect on their learning which in turn helps them remember new information. Don't let them tell you "nothing." Ask your child about centers, story time, or outdoor play. The way your child perceives your feelings about his/her school and teachers will have a direct effect on how he/she feels about them. Show an enthusiasm for learning. It is contagious!