

Dear Kindergarten Parents:

We're very excited about sharing this important year with each of your children. In this letter we hope to answer some questions concerning our basic routine and program.

School Bus & Name Tags

At Kindergarten Kickoff on August 27th, your child will receive an apple name tag. Please have your child wear the name tag to school during the first week or so. Please use your assigned bus stop every morning and afternoon. Be aware that the bus ride home the first few days of school will be much lengthier as the bus driver and the children learn where each stop is located. Be sure to wait at the bus stop since your child will be delivered to that stop. Please be sure to meet your child's bus as the driver will not drop off a child when no one is there. If you are not there, the driver will return to your stop at the end of the route or bring your child back to Jennings. No child may ride any bus other than his own.

Change in Dismissal

If there is any change in your child's dismissal, please send a note to school with your child. For safety reasons, we are unable to release your child to anyone other than you without written permission. Any child going home with a friend must have a note to that effect.

School Lunch

During the first week of school please send a bag lunch with your child to help lessen the confusion and anxiety. The first day of hot lunch for Kindergartners will be Monday, Sept. 1st. Please refer to the Welcome Back Packet and Fairfield Public Schools Family Guide for information on buying lunch. It is important to keep your child's account up-to-date so that he/she does not get upset if he/she has to get a bagel plate instead of hot lunch. Some children are a bit apprehensive about the lunch room in the beginning and don't eat a lot at first. Don't be alarmed if they come home hungry the first few days! The Kindergarten teachers will be eating with your children in the cafeteria for the first few days or so of school until the children have become accustomed to the routine.

Snack

We will have snack time each morning and afternoon. Please send a nutritious, nut-free snack every day (**no candy**). **Please label the snacks "AM and PM," with your child's name. Do not send a drink.** We have a water fountain in the classroom if the children get thirsty.

Backpacks and Clothing

It would be very helpful if your Kindergartner could carry a **Full Size zipper** Backpack. Emptying the backpack nightly with your child assures that you will receive any important notices and gives your child an opportunity to share what has gone on in school that day. **Please send a complete change of clothes** (underwear and socks included) to school with your child. Accidents do happen! Put them in a Ziploc bag with your child's name on it. It would be most helpful if you would label all removable clothing (such as sweaters, raincoats, boots, etc.) since the children do misplace things and have difficulty recognizing them later! Lunch boxes should also be labeled.

Supplies

Please bring your supplies to Kindergarten Kickoff on Wednesday, August 27th. **It is not necessary to put your child's name on these items as we will be sharing all of these materials.** Please tell your child that these items are for all of us to use.

Birthdays

If you would like us to celebrate your child's birthday at school, you may send in a special treat for your child only and a non-edible treat to pass out to friends. Another option is to donate a book to the classroom in honor of your child's birthday. If possible, we would love for you to come in and read this book to the class. It would be helpful if you sent in a note before the grand day. Please do not distribute birthday party invitations at school. We will be sending home a list of phone numbers and addresses as soon as everyone returns their permission to do so.

Questions & Concerns

Please feel free to notify us if you have a concern or if there is a particular problem or change at home which you feel might be affecting your child's adjustment at school. Just call the office (255-8316) and ask the secretary to have us contact you. We will return your call as soon as possible.

This is an exciting, fun-filled time for all of us! We look forward to a wonderful year as we work together to offer the best possible education for your child.

We can't wait to see you at Kindergarten Kick-Off on August 27th!

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Teachers

Check List

1. Wear name tag to school.
2. Carry a full size zipper backpack.
3. Bring a bag lunch until September 1st.
4. Bring 2 nutritious snack daily clearly labeled with your child's name.
5. Bring school supplies.
6. Bring a change of clothes in a large Ziploc baggie marked with your child's name.

