Welcome to Merion School! Many of you attended a zoom meeting in the spring and had a chance to hear about our kindergarten program. A few of you may be new. We are very excited to meet everyone this fall! This will be a special year for all of us. Here are a few things to think about before the first day of kindergarten:

1. Learning new names: We will be making lots of new friends and names are important. Please let us know what name your child would prefer to be called.
2. Backpacks: Your child’s backpack should be large enough to accommodate a two-pocket folder and a large library book. A tag will come home with your child’s arrival and dismissal plan including bus numbers and bus stops. Please keep this tag on your child’s backpack at all times. If corrections need to be made, they can be written directly on the tag.
3. Label your child’s belongings. Be sure to send in an extra set of clothes in case of bathroom accidents. Be sure to send extra masks (if applicable). All garments should be labeled.
4. Communication: Thursday “folders” will be electronic. These e-mails will contain information from Merion School. If you are sending a note/form to school for the teacher, please also send an e-mail alerting the teacher to the presence of the note/form. Any change in dismissal plans should be e-mailed to the teacher AND the office ASAP.
5. Early Dismissal: Only AM kindergarten attends on scheduled half days. Please note: the AM kindergarten classes will be dismissed at the regular 11:50 dismissal while other grades will not be dismissed until 12:25.
6. Supplies: This is a list of basic supplies that your child will need throughout the year:
   - Glue sticks (we go through these quickly)
   - Box of crayons
   - Pair of kid scissors
   - Pencils
   - Erasers
   - 1 two-pocket folder (plastic) RED for AM, BLUE for PM
   - Set of headphones (not earbuds) for i-pad use

Please consult the district calendar for Orientation dates, kindergarten’s first day and other important dates.

We can’t wait to meet you😊

The Merion Kindergarten Team
Mrs. Nicole Wiggins
Mrs. Meredith Johnson
Introducing... YOUR Child

I’d like to know more about your child, through your eyes. The more I know, the better I can design an educational and motivational program to fit his or her particular needs.

Please answer the questions and complete the information below. Remember, this is from your point of view. Please send it in with your child as soon as it’s completed. PLEASE RETURN BY 9/11/20.

Thank you!

Child's Name:.................................................................Homeroom:......................................................

- List five (5) words that best describe your child's character (competitive, cheerful, perfectionist):

- What motivates your child?

- What upsets your child?

- What are your child's out-of-school interests and activities?

- What activities do you share? What problems/successes do you have working/playing together?
- What study skills does your child need to develop? (neatness, timeliness, organization, etc.)

- Which academic subjects are your child's best? Weakest?

- What particular academic areas would you like to see emphasized?

- What social skills would you like to see developed?

- Are there any personal or physical problems I should know (or conference privately) about?

- Other comments or concerns?

Parent Signature:__________________________________________