

Dear Parents:

I welcome you and your child to the wonderful experience of Kindergarten. I am looking forward to sharing this school year with you.

In the following pages you will find useful information regarding this exciting and busy year. I know you have a busy schedule, but please take time to read this important packet.

I feel a great responsibility toward your child to help them grow academically, socially and emotionally. If at any time you have concerns or questions, please feel free to write a note or call.

Together, we can work to make this year a most memorable and cherished time in your child's life.

**Your Kindergarten Teacher,
Allison Randall**

TRANSPORTATION/GOING HOME

School begins at 7:55 am and our day ends at 2:15 pm. If you pick your child up from school, we request that you wait outside the school building at the east entrance to the primary wing.

Your child will not be allowed to change the manner in which he/she goes home without a written note. If the changes occur at the last minute, call the office and they will notify me of the change. **IMPORTANT-A verbal change from your child will not be accepted.**

If you need to check your child out from school early, they must sign out through the office.

ABSENCES/TARDIES

All absences must be verified. Please call the office and notify them of your child's absence.

If your child is tardy, please accompany him/her to the office and sign in.

HOMEWORK

Homework will begin in September. More information will be sent out at that time. Please help your child to learn this important responsibility.

SHOW AND TELL

If your child has something really special they would like to share with the class, get in touch with me so we can make arrangements.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays may be celebrated by bringing a treat, just let me know.

SNACKS/DRINKS

Snacks will be served in the classroom but we sure could use your help in providing them to our classroom. Please send in any simple, small snack food (goldfish, crackers, etc.) to be shared with everyone.

We do have a drinking fountain in our classroom but your child may bring a water bottle to school. Water only please.

WEEKLY SPECIALS SCHEDULE

Monday	Music & PE
Tuesday	PE & Art
Wednesday	Library & Computers
Thursday	Computers & Music
Friday	Art

LUNCH **10:50 - 11:30**

VOLUNTEERS/VISITORS

All volunteers or visitors need to sign in at the office before coming to a classroom. This is a safety issue, please help us to enforce it.

KINDER DISCIPLINE PROGRAM

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Safe

Our classroom rules will be based on these expectations.

- 1. Listen when your teacher speaks.**
- 2. Say O.K. right away.**
- 3. Raise your hand.**
- 4. Take care of our things.**
- 5. Love one another - always.**

The discipline program used in the classroom is based on a social contract for behavior. Your child will have many opportunities, warnings, redirections, etc. to help ensure success in learning and following the social contract.

There will be consequences for not following the classroom expectations and social contract, created and agreed upon by the students and the teacher. The consequences are based on a “stoplight”.

Consequences are as follows:

Green means they had a great day and followed the kinder rules and social contract!

Yellow means slow down, think about the choices you are making and make a change in your behavior.

Red means they have continued the behavior and the student has lost the opportunity to earn a penny at the end of the day.

If a student’s behavior continues it may result in a loss of activity if any make up work needs to be done. Continued undesirable behavior could result in a parent note home, phone call or perhaps a visit to the principal.

The nature of a 5 year old warrants individualized guidelines as well as group rules.

Each student will earn money every day that can be used at the end of the week to buy different items from the Kinder Store.

Students will also have the opportunity to earn stars throughout the day for behavior that is above and beyond. These stars/marbles will be added to a jar. When the jar is full we will earn something special; game, treat, activity, etc.

Students will earn tickets throughout the day for following the social contract and exhibiting positive behaviors. These tickets get put in a jar to be drawn out on Fridays for an opportunity to play a Minute to Win It game.

Kindergarten children will be given many opportunities to observe and practice appropriate behavior. Expectations will be fair, consistent and clearly stated.