



ABC's of Kindergarten

Ferndale Area Elementary
School

Teachers

Mrs. Burkett Mrs. McCreery

Mrs. Rigby Miss Schmidt

Aa

Art Class - Your child will attend Art Class with Mrs. Sendek.

Attendance - It is very important that your child is in school on a regular basis. Most lessons in kindergarten are done through games and hands on activities and can not be sent home to complete.

Please call the elementary office if your child is ill and will not be in school. Upon your child's return to school, please provide a written excuse.

Bb

Bathroom - Students are expected to manage in the bathroom by themselves. Please dress your child in clothes that are easy to manipulate. We understand that occasionally students need help with buttons or snaps, but overall, your child should be able to dress himself/herself independently.

Birthdays - Celebrating birthdays is optional. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school, you may purchase treats through the cafeteria. Please contact Mrs. McGough, Food Service Director, at least **2 weeks in advance** to make arrangements.

If you plan to send in treats from home, you must follow the school's food policy and notify your child's teacher **1 week in advance.** **Treats must be sent to school 1 day prior to the party.**

*******Students are not allowed to bring in birthday treats during the pandemic. *******

Book bags - Your child needs to bring a book bag to school that is large enough to carry folders, papers and books. Please check and empty your child's book bag daily.

*******Books will not be sent home during the pandemic. *******

Breakfast - Students have the option of eating breakfast at home or at school. Breakfast is served at school from 8:00 - 8:25 AM.

If you are driving your child to school, please drop him/her off no later than 8:15 so that he/she has enough time to eat before school starts.

Busses - Students are expected to follow the district bus policy. Kindergarten students must have an adult at the bus stop when dropped off at the end of the day. Your child will be brought back to the school if an adult is not at the bus stop. Please contact the school with any bus changes for the day.

Cc

Cafeteria - Breakfast and lunch menus will be sent home monthly and can also be located on the district website. Lunch and breakfast is free!!! (milk is included.)

Students packing lunch have the option of purchasing milk.

*****Breakfast and lunch will be eaten in classrooms during the pandemic.*****

Please contact Mrs. Lori McGough, Food Service Director, with any questions about the cafeteria.

lmcgough@fasdk12.org

Clothing - Please send in an extra set of clothes. This should include a shirt, pants, underwear and socks. These clothes will be kept at school to use in case your child has an accident or spills something on his/her clothing. Please label your child's clothing.

Communication - Your child will bring home a communication folder daily. This folder will be the main form of communication between home and school. Please check your child's folder every day to see if any notes were sent home by your child's teacher or the school. Please return the folder the following school day. When sending in notes or money, please place them in your child's folder so that we can easily find them. Communication is also done through email, telephone and scheduled conferences.

Computer Class - Your child will attend computer class with Mr. Burket.

Dd

Directory - Each kindergarten teacher will be assembling a class directory in a few weeks. It will contain information that you can use to contact your child's classmates and families. A form will be sent home in September for you to complete if you would like your child to be listed in the directory.

Drop Offs - If you are driving your child to school, please drop him/her off at the main entrance between 8:00 - 8:30 AM. Students that want to eat breakfast should be here by 8:15 so that they have time to eat before the school day begins. Students that arrive after 8:30 will be marked tardy.

Ee

Email

Please feel free to contact us by email. If it is urgent, however, please call the office because often teachers do not have time to check their email until after school.

Mrs. Burkett, Kindergarten Teacher mburkett@fasdk12.org

Mrs. McCreery, Kindergarten Teacher kmccreery@fasdk12.org

Mrs. Rigby, Kindergarten Teacher krigby@fasdk12.org

Miss Schmidt, Kindergarten Teacher aschmidt@fasdk12.org

Other staff email addresses can be found on the district website www.fasdk12.org

Ff

Ferndale Area Elementary School - "Big Enough to Challenge, Small Enough to Care."

Gg

Guidance Counselor - Mrs. Bremer is our school Guidance Counselor. Please contact her if you have any questions or concerns that you feel she could assist you with. LBremer@fasdk12.org

Hh

Homework - Students receive very little formal homework in kindergarten. Any homework your child does have will be brought home in his/her communication folder. This usually consists of reading books.

****** *We will not be sending home reading books during the pandemic* ******

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Invitations - Students are not permitted to distribute birthday or party invitations at school.

Jj

Joining - Please consider joining our school PTO.

Kk

Kindergarten - Kindergarten is the place to be!!!!

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Library - Your child will attend Library Class with Mrs. Barton.

Students are expected to take good care of their library books. You will be billed for any lost or damaged books. ****** *Library books will not be sent home during the pandemic* ******

Lunch - The kindergarten lunch period is from 10:50-11:30.

You are permitted to visit the school to eat lunch with your child. 24 hour notice is required. It is recommended that you do not eat lunch with your child during the first month of school.

****** *Parents are not permitted to eat lunch with students during the pandemic.* ******

Mm

Money - When sending money to school, please send it in an envelope with your child's first & last name, grade level and list what the money is to be used for (picture money, fundraiser money etc...).

Music Class - Your child will attend Music Class with Mrs. Vuckovich.

Nn

Nurse - Please contact Mrs. Virgin, our school nurse, with any questions or concerns regarding your child's health. JVirgin@fasdk12.org

Oo

Office - The Ferndale Area Elementary office is usually open from 7:45 AM - 3:30 PM Monday-Friday.

Pp

Physical Education - Your child will attend Physical Education (PE Class) with Mrs. Babik. Students must wear sneakers in order to participate in PE. Students are not permitted to participate in PE if they are wearing sandals, dress shoes or boots.

Qq

Quiet Time - We have 20-25 minutes of quiet time each day.

Rr

Report Cards - Kindergarten report cards will be distributed in December, March and on the last day of school. (This is different than the report card distribution dates for 1st-6th grades)

Recess - Weather permitting, students will have the opportunity to play outdoors for at least 20 minutes daily.

Ss

Special Classes - Your child will attend one special class each day. The school district will follow a Monday-Friday special class schedule.

******Except for PE, all special classes will be held in homerooms during the pandemic.******

Shoes - Teachers will tie shoes, however, during this time of social distancing, it would be helpful if your child would wear slip on or velcro shoes.

Supplies - The school district provides crayons, pencils, scissors, glue and other basic supplies. You do not need to send these items to school.

******Due to the pandemic, we are asking you to send in a few items this year. Please see the supply list at the end of the handbook.******

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Telephone Numbers - Please feel free to contact us by telephone. The best time to reach us is from 3:10-3:30. If you call during other times in the day and we are unable to take your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Elementary Office - 535-6724

Toys - Students are not permitted to bring toys or electronics to school. Please keep them at home unless a note is sent home requesting them for a special activity.

Uu

Update - Please keep the school updated on changes such as new telephone numbers, email, emergency contacts etc...

Vv

Vacations - Please call the school if your child will be missing school due to a planned vacation. You will need to fill out a vacation request form at least 1 week in advance of the trip.

Ww

Website - Please check the district website www.fasdk12.org for important information. Please subscribe to your child's teacher page to get updates.

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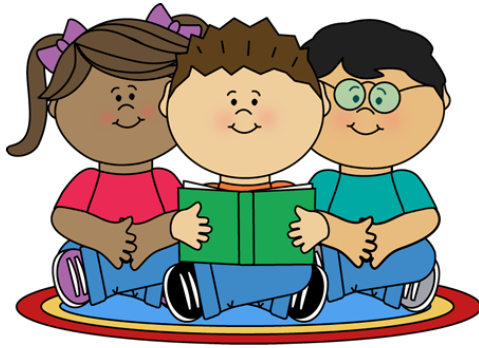
eXtra & eXciting - Kindergarten is an eXtra special year. Your child will learn so many new and eXciting things!

Yy

You - YOU are your child's first and most important teacher. We look forward to working with you to make kindergarten a positive and productive year for your child.

Zz

"Zzzzzzzzzz" - Please make sure your child gets plenty of "Zzzzzzzzz's." We encourage you to establish a set bedtime so that your child is well rested and ready to learn each day. Kindergarten students need approximately 10-11 hours of sleep each night.



Kindergarten Supply List 2020-21

We are asking that you send in the following items.

- 1 box of slider storage bags (any brand) - quart and/or gallon size
- 1 box of markers
- 1 coloring book and/or drawing tablet

The following items are not required, but would be appreciated.

- Extra crayons - (Crayola brand only)
- Sidewalk chalk - For recess
- Playdoh - (Playdoh brand only)
- Dry erase markers
- Tissues
- Disinfectant wipes (when they become available in stores)
- Hand sanitizer (When available in stores)

Thank you in advance for all supplies and donations.