

Welcome to Maple and Transitional Kindergarten!

We hope you are having a wonderful summer. We want to invite you to a **TK orientation on August 11th at 4:00 pm**. Meet in the Stem Lab for a new family welcome and information meeting then come to our room for more TK info. We want to inform you of a few things as you prepare to bring your baby to school. I have been there!!

I kindly ask that you purchase a plastic pencil box with a lid that closes (Walmart has them for .98) Please send the following items to school in the pencil box.

24 box of Crayola crayons

Eraser for pencil

Eraser for Dry erase marker

Fine tip Expo markers (5 we will leave one in the box and save the rest for later)

Child size scissors

Glue sticks (5 we will leave one in the box and save the rest for later)

Watercolor pallet (Crayola is great but any brand will do)

Your child will also need a **backpack**. They are little so I understand wanting to get a tiny backpack (they are so cute) but **please make sure it is large enough to hold a folder**. The students will bring home a folder every night with papers etc...

Breakfast will be provided before school from 8-8:30 if you wish to have your child eat here. Lunch will be provided in the cafeteria but if you would like to send your child with meals from home in a lunchbox you are welcome to do so. Snack time will be at 10:00 and your child may bring something from home or they can pick up their breakfast and save it in their cubby for snack.

If you could also send a **change of clothes in a labeled zip lock bag** that would be helpful. Sometimes we have accidents and we want to be prepared!

We will have a rest time after lunch. Your child can bring a **small** blanket for this time. Please label it clearly with your child's name.

Please also consider **velcro shoes or lock laces** (no tie elastic). In TK they are not quite ready to learn to tie their shoes. The laces drag on the playground and on the bathroom floor and students tend to play with them during carpet time or worse put them in their mouths! Just something to consider as your child is moving toward independence ;)

Speaking of independence, Please practice with your child proper bathroom hygiene. They need to be **able to wipe themselves independently**. Also, talk about closing the door when in the restroom and washing your hands after toilet use. These are things we don't always do at home but in our classroom will be very important!

We will have a list of supplies that we need for classroom use at the orientation. Please look for the apples on the tree and take one or two if you would like to help bring something to share with the class. Your participation will help greatly. We use lots of consumable materials and if we need any additional help we will let you know throughout the year. We also have an Amazon wish list we will share with you at back-to-school night.

Please take time to fill out the child information survey. It helps us get to know the children faster and to have something to talk about with them. It will also give us insight into your perspective of your child...you know them best!

We will have some helpful, thought-provoking, and informative handouts that you can use to help your child through the TK year and help to prepare them for kindergarten at the TK orientation meeting. There are some strategies for learning to write letters and for phonological awareness. If you are not able to attend We will have them available at back to school night.

It is really helpful for communication if you download the Class Dojo app and join our classroom. This is how we will communicate classroom happenings as well as have sign-ups, etc. throughout the year. We will walk you through that at orientation and at back-to-school night.

We look forward to seeing you at the TK orientation on August 11th at 4:00 pm and on the first day of school on August 13th!

Amy Bloemhof

Other Needed Classroom Supplies

- Dixie cups (5 oz)
- Play-doh (homemade or store-bought)
- Kinetic sand
- Kleenex anti-viral (square box)
- Expo markers (thin and thick)
- Paper towels (the school paper towels don't absorb)
- Ziploc sandwich bags (quart, gallon, and sandwich)
- Baby wipes (we go through a lot of these)
- Napkins
- colorful duct tape
- Pipe cleaners
- popsicle sticks
- Alphabet letter stickers
- stamp pads
- Q-tips
- Cotton balls