

Summer 2024

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome your child to kindergarten. Kindergarten is an exciting time where your child will meet new friends, interact with new teachers, and expand their knowledge of the world. I will provide an interactive and developmentally appropriate environment in which your child will participate in learning activities that assist him/her in becoming a critical thinker and life-long learner.

My goal for each and every one of my students is to have them develop to their fullest potential in an interesting and stimulating environment. In working towards this goal, I feel that parent-teacher communication is vital. You are your child's first teacher and I value what you as a parent have to offer and give to your child. Be sure to **check your child's folder and empty all papers each day**. This lets me know that you have seen all papers and notices. Please be sure to **sign and respond to all notes** in your child's folder. This helps facilitate communication between home and school.

In order for your child to be prepared for school, it will be necessary for students to have the supplies listed in this packet. Please send your child's supplies in on his/her first day of school.

Absence notes **MUST** accompany your child upon his/her return to school with the date and reason for absence clearly stated. You will need to call the office for any requests or early dismissals. If possible, please send a note that day.

If you would like your child to purchase lunch, you can set up a School Bucks account. Please make a check payable to Middle Country Food Services for \$45.00 and place it in your child's folder. You may also set up an account and pay online through the District website. Please discuss lunch choices with your child each morning and be sure your child is aware of what he/she is purchasing. **Please use the daily lunch tickets included in this packet.** Folders are checked every morning as the children come in.

Kindergarten students will be given a brief opportunity to eat a healthy snack each day. Please pack your child's nutritious snack and drink (e.g.: fruit, crackers, cheese, and vegetable sticks) **in a clearly labeled bag separate** from their lunch. **Do not place** the separate bag **inside** your child's lunch box. This

allows us to transition from learning to snack with ease and helps prevent lunch and snack mix-ups. Students should bring one snack and one drink. Have your child practice opening their food and drink items. Please help your child adjust to kindergarten by helping them start each day prepared and organized.

To help make the first few days much smoother, I am including some paperwork for you to complete. **Please be sure to include this in your child's labeled folder.** Also have your child practice walking up and down stairs, as our classroom is on the second floor. Please consider having your child wear sneakers/shoes with Velcro for everyone's safety.

I have included a letter for your child at the end of this packet. Please share it with your kindergartner! I am looking forward to a fantastic year for all of us. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Lambert  
Room 205

**Please print out and complete the information below along with a lunch slip and return in your child's labeled folder on the first day of school: If you are unable to print, please provide the above information on your own note and include in your child's folder.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Child's name (first and last)

\_\_\_\_\_ Bus number/letter

\_\_\_\_\_ I have set up a lunch account and my child is pre-paid.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed exact cash in a labeled envelope or baggy with my "child's name" and "lunch." (check one)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

lunch from home



If your child is having lunch from school, check **one** entrée from the list below:

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> lunch of the day | <input type="checkbox"/> bagel with butter                    | <input type="checkbox"/> cheese sandwich |
| <input type="checkbox"/> garden salad     | <input type="checkbox"/> bagel with cream cheese              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> grilled cheese   | <input type="checkbox"/> yogurt lunch                         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cheese pizza     | <input type="checkbox"/> yogurt parfait (yogurt with berries) |  |



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**Complete a lunch slip each day and return in your child's labeled folder**

# SUPPLY LIST

Please send these items with your child on their first day of school.

## PLEASE LABEL THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME:

- Backpack (NO WHEELS) large enough to hold a lunchbox, snack bag, winter coat, a baggy with a change of clothes and folder. Coats are kept in children's backpack during school. Be sure to test out to see that everything will fit. The backpack should also be large enough to fit your child's lunchbox, snack bag, Chromebook (in case), a baggy with a change of clothes, and folder. We secure all items in our backpack, so they are not lost or stolen on the bus. We also need hands free to hold on to the railing as we go up and down the stairs.
- Lunchbox for lunch (LABELED)
- Separate LABELED bag for snack (snack should NOT be placed in lunch box) Be sure to label this "snack" with your child's name. It is very difficult for the children to know what their snack is unless you do this.
- one bottom pocket plastic folders (Please pick up the plastic-type folder, as they are tear-resistant and durable.) (LABELED)
- one package of 8 or 10 count Crayola BROAD LINE markers (LABEL BOX)
- one box of 16 or 24 count Crayola colored pencils (LABEL BOX)
- one pair of inexpensive headphones in a labeled baggy for your child to use on the Chromebook (LABELED) (Be sure your child is able to put their headphones on without assistance.) Earbuds are difficult for children of this age. Over the ear headphones are best. They should be wired, as we can not charge and Bluetooth pair.
- a large baggy containing a change of clothes for your child (to be kept in his/her backpack) (LABELED)



I have purchased a supply box containing pencils, crayons, scissors, eraser, and glue sticks for your child. Your child does not need any of these items. Do not send these items in to school.

There will be requests for craft supplies for our celebrations throughout the year. Additional supplies may be requested as needed.

## SUPPLIES FOR HOME:

Your child will need the following supplies at home for completing homework:

- pencils
- crayons (from the general supply list)
- scissors (from the general supply list)
- glue stick

It is highly recommended that you and your child set up a supply box (from the general supply list) containing these items in a designated homework spot.

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL CHECKLIST:

\_\_\_\_\_ My child has his/her supplies

\_\_\_\_\_ I have labeled all of my child's supplies

\_\_\_\_\_ I have packed a **separate** snack bag containing one healthy snack and one drink.

I have **not** placed the snack bag in my child's lunch box.

The bag is labeled with my child's name and the word "snack"

\_\_\_\_\_ I have packed an extra set of clothes for my child in a labeled plastic bag

\_\_\_\_\_ I have placed the bus and lunch information sheet in my child's folder

\_\_\_\_\_ I have completed my child's name tag and he/she is wearing it

\_\_\_\_\_ I have my child's homework supplies, which are kept at home

Hello Friends,

Welcome to Kindergarten. I hope you had a great summer. I am so happy you were chosen to be in my class this year. Kindergarten is a very special place where we will learn our ABCs, reading, writing, and our numbers. We will get to do science experiments and learn about the world around us. We will have Physical Education, music, art, and math literacy and meet some terrific teachers.

You have a list of the school supplies you will need. Be sure to put your name on all your items, including your folder, lunch box, and backpack. You should bring one snack and one drink every day and label it with your name and the word "snack". It should be in a separate bag from your lunch. We keep our snack in our cubby and our lunch in our backpack.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to seeing you on your first day of school. Please wear your name tag and a big smile!

See you soon,  
Ms. Lambert