

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 10th 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. We have been there!!

We 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 (Fiskars are the best)
- 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)
- Crayola colored pencils (will be used later in the year)
- If you want to get pencils get golf size

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... as well as transporting a blanket and stuffie on Monday and Friday, a lunch box and water bottle.

Breakfast will be provided before school from 8-8:30. It is mostly carbohydrates and sugar so giving some protein at home would be best. Lunch will be provided daily 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.

If you could also have a **change of clothes in a labeled zip lock bag** that will remain in their backpack and if needed we will let you know that it needs to be swapped out. Sometimes we have accidents and we want to be prepared!

We will have a rest time around 1:45. Your child can bring a **small** blanket and stuffie 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. We don't allow flushable wet wipe usage because of the plumbing so practice with regular toilet paper. 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.

Please take time to fill out the child information survey. This will be provided at the new family orientation on Monday 8/10. 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.

We will have a whole school communication app that is Maple specific. More information will be coming at back to school night.

We look forward to seeing you at the TK orientation on August 10th at 4:00 pm and on the first day of school on August 12th!

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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
- Alphabet letter stickers
- stamp pads
- Q-tips
- Cotton balls
- Tissue paper