

KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING

Mrs. Bronsink 2020-2021

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FOOD

We have a snack mid morning, lunch and an afternoon snack.

We encourage students to eat healthy snacks. Some ideas are: cheese sticks, crackers, applesauce, fruit, vegetables and yogurt.

We **do not** have a microwave in our classroom. Please pack spoons and forks as needed. We encourage each child to have leak proof water bottles. Please practice opening food items at home.

Look for hot lunch information in the Blue Note.

CELEBRATIONS

We like to celebrate birthdays for our kindergartners.

We celebrate close to your child's real birthday and ½ birthdays for summer months. Please set up the time and date with me. You may send in a small gift for classmates. Party favors at Hobby Lobby, Party City and Target are great places to look, but do not feel obligated.

We also like to celebrate Christmas and Valentine's Day with fun classroom activities. I may ask for small donations for these activities.

DRESS CODE

We are actively learning in Kindergarten! Please send your child in clothes that allow him/her to move comfortably indoors and outdoors. We will be outside 3 times a day for recess and other learning experiences. Clothes and shoes may get dirty. Michigan weather can change quickly, we recommend layers in almost every season.

Each child should have a pair of shoes for gym. These will be kept at school.

Each child should have a mask to wear when necessary at school. Please label with your child's name. I will send it home every day to be washed.

Please keep a spare set of clothes (top, bottoms, underwear, socks) in a zip top bag in your child's backpack.

SPECIALS SCHEDULE

Monday

9:15-9:40 Music

12:50-1:20 Spanish

1:45-2:20 PE

Tuesday

9:25-9:40 Library

2:20-2:50 Spanish

Wednesday

1:20-1:50 Spanish

Thursday

12:50-1:15 Music

2:50-3:20 ART

Recess M-F

AM 10:10-10:25

Lunch 12:20-12:45

PM 1:55-2:10

TRANSITION SCHEDULE

- *All Transitional Kindergarten students attend school M-F mornings all year. Parents may choose their own child's part-time or full-time schedule at the start of the school year. Parent pick up times are 11:50 a.m. or 3:20 p.m.
- *All Transitional Kindergarten students will begin to attend class on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons starting the last week of October. Parents may make any other schedule changes too.
- *All Transitional Kindergarten students will attend class on Wednesday afternoons starting at the second semester, the third week of January. Parents may add more afternoons if desired.
- *All Transitional Kindergarten students will attend class on Monday afternoons starting after Spring Break. Some parents may want to add Friday afternoons but that is not required

MORNING DROP OFF

- You may walk your child into school for the first week, then children will walk in on their own (there are many staff and teachers in the hallway to help students find their way).
- Please use Door I (playground door on the west side of the building)
- Drop off should take place between 8:25-8:35
 - If you need to drop your child off earlier, please sign up for before school care. It is staffed with amazing teachers and is a safe place for your child before school.

PICK UP/DISMISSAL

Half Day (transitional) pick up will be at 11:50. Please wait outside the Door I (playground door) and I will dismiss your child to you.

End of Day pick up will be at 3:20.

Students riding the bus will be walked to the bus line first.

Students will also be dismissed to you (parent, guardian, car pool friend, etc) from the Kindergarten playground door.

There will also be a car pick up line. Details for car pick up line were in last week's blue note.

I will have a student information paper for you to fill out after the open house including transportation information. Please make sure this gets back to me by the first day of school. Any changes in pick up can be emailed to me the day before. Any changes the day of should be called in to the office.

BACKPACK

Please include an extra set of clothes (top, bottom, socks, underwear) in your child's backpack every day.

Please check your child's red folder every day. They will love to share their work.

Please check lunch boxes every day and send in a clean mask every day.



UP IN LIGHTS



Each week we will have a child Up In Lights. This is a time to celebrate them!

During your child's week, we would like to set up a zoom call where you can share something about your child.

There will be a packet sent home for you to fill out with the date to be turned in.

Once we finalize a schedule, I will send home a copy.

PARENT TIPS

- Once you know your child's gym shoes fit, save the box and start putting empty toilet paper rolls in it. I will be asking you for these in December :)
- Have your child practice things at home
 - Laying out beach towel and putting it in the reuse bag
 - Zipping and unzipping backpack and lunch box
 - Open food containers
 - Zipping and unzipping coats
 - Putting on and taking off shoes and changing into gym shoes



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