

ABC's of Kindergarten

- A Attendance** The children have 180 days of school to attend. If your child must be absent, please call the school (575-4230) and let someone know that your child is not going to attend. If you cannot do this, please send a note to school with your child when he/she returns.
- B Breakfast** Breakfast is available in the cafeteria each morning starting at 7:30. If you want your child to eat breakfast at school, please make sure that he/she arrives early enough to have time to eat.
- C Cafeteria** All children are given a lunch number. It is very important for each child to remember this number when they are getting a lunch from the school cafeteria. Please remember that you are welcome to join your child for lunch, but you must sign in at the office first. Also, please remind your child that lunch time goes by very quickly. He/she needs to eat first and then talk.
- D Discipline** It is important that you reinforce our behavior plan. Check your child's envelope daily to see how his/her day went.
- E Envelopes** Your child has a large white envelope that needs to be returned daily. Please use this for any notes, lunch money, etc.
- F Field Trip** Kindergarten will go on several field trips this year. You may chaperone only if you have an approved VIPs form on file in the office. Also, chaperones cannot bring younger siblings on field trips.
- G Good Manners** In kindergarten we raise hands, stay in our seats, are polite to each other, use kind words, share, and take turns. Please remind your child to use good manners at school, but please also understand that this can be a difficult thing for young children. There are so many children to share with and take turns with at school!
- H Home** It is important that I know how your child gets home from school each day. If this changes, please write a note. I cannot accept a child's word that dismissal plans have changed.
- Hands-On** We do many hands-on activities in class. This means your child may get dirty. Please be sure your child is dressed accordingly.
- I Ice Cream** Your child may buy ice cream on Friday. Please let your child know if he/she can purchase the ice cream. I cannot monitor the student's spending on these items.
- Interim Reports** Interim or progress reports go home between report cards. Please remember that your child is still getting used to school. The information on the progress report will reflect what your child has shown me that he/she can do.
- J Junk Snacks** Please try to send healthy snacks on your child's snack day.
- K Kids Will Be Kids** Your child may have some bad days at school. Talk to your child about the days, but accept their ups and downs as part of growing up.
- L Lunch Money** Milk is included with lunch, but may be purchased separately. Please send all lunch money in an envelope or bag inside your child's daily envelope marked with his/her name, lunch number, and my name.

- M Math** The Kindergarten Math Program is Scott Foresman. This program uses manipulatives with a focus on exploration of concepts such as: shapes, patterns, and simple addition.
- N Nurse** A nurse is available every day to handle minor medical problems. Please make sure that we (teacher, PE teachers, and the nurse) are aware of any allergies or respiratory problems that your child may have. All contact phone numbers need to be included on the emergency card. Please make sure we are informed of any changes in your emergency contact information.
- O Office** The office phone number is 386-575-4230. Please check in at the office before visiting the classroom.
- P Parent Pick-Up** Kindergarten children are seated in the benches right outside our classroom. We are usually out there by 1:55. Please be prompt. The line of cars gets very long. When your child sees you, he/she has been instructed to tap the hand of the teacher that is on duty.
- Q Quiet Voices** Remind your child that school is a place for quiet voices so that all children can learn. Save your outside voice for the playground and at home.
- R Reading** Our reading program is Macmillian. This program focuses on phonetically based activities. Enrich your child's experience at school by reading to him/her every night.
Report Cards Report cards go home every nine weeks. Progress reports go home between report cards. When these do go home, your child will be instructed that only mom or dad can open them! Please sign and return the report card envelope or the signed copy of the progress report the next day.
- S Shoes** Please teach your child to tie his/her shoes. Please make sure your child's shoes are appropriate for PE days and for play.
Snack Please check the monthly calendar for your child's assigned snack day. Your child may bring a Show and Tell on this day.
- T Tardy** Children are tardy if they are not with me when the second bell rings. If your child is tardy, please bring him/her to the office to get a late pass. The office keeps track of these late arrivals. Please try to get your child here on time.
- U Undies** Please send an extra set of clothes in case of emergencies – You never know! We will leave these clothes in your child's backpack.
- V Volunteers** All volunteers must sign in at the office. You must have an approved VIPS form on file in the office before volunteering in the classroom or chaperoning a field trip.
- W Writing** Kindergarten writing is developmental. There are stages that each child will go through: picture writing, random letters, beginning sounds represented, initial and final consonant sounds represented, and simple sight words & enough phonemes to "read" the writing.

And these are the XYZ's of Kindergarten!

