

Hello,

Let us first welcome you and your child to kindergarten! What an exciting time you are about to embark upon! We wanted to share a few things that are important to know before the school year begins!

- 1. Play lots of games that involve taking turns, winning and losing with grace, using dice and counting, counting!
- 2. Have your kindergartener practice writing his/her first name with one uppercase and the rest lowercase letters.
- 3. Practice recognizing the letters of the alphabet.
- 4. Start eating lunch out of a lunch box. This means having your child practice like they are eating at school. They should open their lunch box, bags, and different containers. Talk about the order in which their lunch should be eaten. Lunch needs to be completed within twenty minutes. Kindergarten students will have options for hot lunch on the first day.
- 5. We will also be having a snack time every morning. Please send a healthy snack with your child each day. Please practice to make sure it is something your child can manage independently and can eat without utensils.
- 6. As a reminder, each child should be able to use the bathroom independently and practice tying their shoes. If they cannot do this, please consider using shoes with Velcro.

We are looking forward to a WONDERFUL year!

