



Kindergarten News

Kindergarten: A New Beginning!

It was so nice to meet some new friends at the Kindergarten play date! Having an informal opportunity to get to know each other is a great way to ensure a smooth transition into the school year.

The first day of school is always exciting and everyone is full of anticipation! Our first day is **Wednesday, August 30th**. It is a full day of school beginning at **8:25 a.m. and ending at 2:30 p.m.** The students should wear the "Spring" uniform (shorts/skorts, polo shirts.) The Kindergarten classroom will be open at 8:10 a.m. I look forward to welcoming you!

When you come with your child on the first day, please enter using the Kindergarten outside door (nearest the parking lot.) We will use this door for the first three days of school only. After the first week you will need to enter through the regular school entrance (near the 8th grade) in order to ensure the safety of our students. Once in the classroom, you will want to help your child find his/her cubby space to store supplies and belongings. Please do not unpack your child's school supplies. We will take care of that during the school day in order to avoid misplacing anything. The next thing you will want to do is help your child find his/her nameplate on the little table and then choose a seat at one of the big tables where he/she would like to sit for the first two weeks of school. Please leave the nameplate on the chosen table. Then, if there is time, your child may choose a book, toy or game to play with anywhere in the classroom until the bell rings and our first day begins.

Parents are welcome to stay with us during our morning prayer and the flag raising ceremony in the courtyard. After this, we ask that parents make a quick exit and please stay away from the Kindergarten windows :) This just helps us to get our day started more easily. After the first day of school, we ask that you leave immediately after drop-off in the morning. We find that a prolonged good-bye makes for a more difficult one. Thanks so much for your help with this! Kindergarten is a time of new beginnings and excitement is in the air!

A Note About the End of Day

A smooth transition helps every child begin his/her day with confidence. This same transition is equally important at the end of the day.

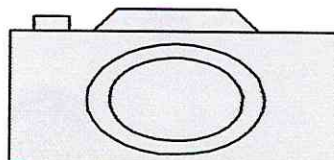
At pick up time, parents/caregivers enter the school at the main entrance (near the 8th grade) and walk around to the Kindergarten interior door. Children will be called up one at a time to formally say good-bye and be dismissed. They will meet their parent/caregiver in the hallway where they can exit out the door leading to the courtyard. In the first weeks dismissal may take a little extra time and we appreciate your patience.

First Homework Assignment:

Summer Fun Photo

Within the first two weeks of school, please send your Kindergartener in with a photo that tells a story of your summer.

One photo only, please! Each child will present the photo and summer story to the class and we will create a bulletin board together.



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Special points of interest:

- **First Day of School- Wednesday, August 30th!**
- **Labor Day, Monday, September 4, NO SCHOOL**
- **Bishop's Convocation for teachers, Tuesday, Sept. 5th, NO SCHOOL**
- Please pack a healthy snack for your child every day, even when they are buying lunch. Lunchtime for the Kindergarten is at 12:30 so a snack is an important part of our morning. Please remember that we are a peanut-free school.
- **Gym (PE) days will be announced soon. Please send your child to school in the gym uniform and wearing sneaker on those days.**
- **The Kindergarten News** is a weekly communication tool (also posted on the website) but it is by no means comprehensive. Be sure to check the school website regularly.

I look forward to a wonderful year with your child and you! - Mrs. Moran