

Kinderzone Information for Kindergarten Families 2022-2023

Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to our school! We are very excited to meet your kindergarten student, and for you to be a part of our school community.



Starting kindergarten is an important time, and we are committed to supporting this transition in a way that builds upon your child's enthusiasm. Our district kindergarten team has been working hard to ensure our youngest learners have the best experience possible.

Kinder After School Plans. It is important that we know what your student's after school plans are. Watch for a survey link we will send later so we know how your child will be going home.

The first day of school is traditionally the Wednesday after Labor Day. Our school begins at 7:55. We are still waiting for our bus arrival times, but we estimate that doors will open for students at 7:35.

The first weeks of school will be "Kinderzone" time. During Kinderzone, the first two weeks of school, kindergarten students will interact with all of the kindergarten teachers and other school staff members. Teachers will observe, assess and get to know each child. Kindergarteners *will not* be assigned a classroom teacher before school begins. After meeting students and visiting with parents, teachers will be better able to develop class lists based on students' academic and social needs. This will allow purposeful placement of your child in a kindergarten class for an optimal start.

Kindergarten class lists will be emailed by Friday, September 16th by 5:00 p.m.

This districtwide, consistent approach is more child-centered and will provide a gentle, welcoming start to the school year for our youngest students. We will have many small group activities, which make it easier for children to gain confidence. Your child will get to know our school staff and become familiar with the school's expectations, and teachers and staff will get to know your child better from the beginning. Our goal is to provide individual attention for every student, resulting in a happy and successful start to the school year and to their elementary school experience.

On time, all day: We ask for your help in making your child's first days go as smoothly as possible by having your child arrive on time, not taking them home early, and allowing them to fully experience the school day on their own. You are a valued part of the team and will have many opportunities to be involved in the classroom *after* the school year gets underway. It is important for your student to be at school on time and for the full day—every day, at every grade level—and it is especially critical to get a strong start with on-time attendance at the beginning of the year.

Again, we are very excited to have your student in kindergarten this year, and to have your family be a part of our school community. Additionally, you are invited to attend a "Meet Your Teacher" event before the first day of school. We hope we're allowed to hold this even in-person, but watch for details in our fall back-to-school newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming your child to school!

Respectfully,

Allan Chinn, Principal