



## *ABC'S of Kindergarten*

*This page will give you information on everything you need to know about our classroom!*

**A Absence:** If your child will be absent, please call and leave a message with Mrs. Susan, our school secretary @ 570-343-2790. Please give the specific reason why your child will not attend.

**Arrival and Dismissal:** The bell rings at 8:00. Children should be in the classroom by 7:55 A.M. Students who arrive after 8:00 are considered tardy and need to stop at the office before coming into the classroom.

**Art:** We have a new art teacher, Kim Emmert, and she will meet with our class once a week for 45 minutes. We also do some art projects in class where your child practices following directions, cutting, gluing, patterning etc.

**Attendance:** Good attendance is linked to school success. It is very important for your child to come to school every day.

**B Backpacks:** Please send a backpack to school daily.

**Big Cheese:** Each child will get a chance to be the 'Big Cheese' in our classroom.

**Birthdays:** Your child will be able to celebrate his/her birthday in school by choosing from our Birthday Box and dressing down. We will celebrate unbirthdays for children who have a summer birthday.

**Breakfast:** This is the most important meal of the day. Even though your child may not want to eat before school, offer them a healthy breakfast.

**C Calendar:** We do calendar every day, during our morning routine.

**Clare Bear:** Kindergarten has a class mascot named Clare Bear. Your child will get to spend a weekend with Clare and have a chance to share their adventures with her.

**Community:** We work very hard to build a community of learners starting at day one.

**Communication:** Open communication is important. We will send home a newsletter each month in your child's folder. Folders will be sent home with all important school information. Please check them daily.

**Computer Class:** The children will have computer class each week. Mrs. Harding is our computer teacher.

**Conferences:** We have Parent/Teacher conferences in November. Please feel free to call me or set up an appointment if you need to see me at any other time.

**D Discipline:** We work hard as a class to make our classroom a positive and safe place for all. We will

learn how to be our "best" in the classroom, hallways, lunch room and playground.

**E Emergency Cards:** Each family will be asked to fill out an emergency card. These cards are very important to keep up to date. If your address, phone number or emergency contacts change, please let me know right away.

**Emergency Closings:** In bad weather, please watch for closings on the local TV stations. Please sign up for Remind.

**F Field Trips:** We will let you know before we go on a field trip. Sometimes we will need parent volunteers to go with us.

**Fire Drills:** We have fire drills throughout the year. We practice often so the children will know exactly what to do in case of a real fire.

**Friends:** We are all friends in "Friendergarten".

**G Grades:** Kindergarten students receive report cards the second and fourth term only. In Kindergarten, grades are based on formal assessments, informal assessments and observations. If you ever want to know how your child is doing, feel free to contact us.

**Gym Class:** Your child will have gym class each Wednesday. Mr. Jones is the gym teacher. Please have your child come dressed for gym on Wednesdays.

**H Hands On:** At the Kindergarten level research shows that children learn best by doing. Most of our curriculum is hands on and center based.

**Homework:** Your child will have homework. We will have math homework to review what we have covered during the day. When we start our decodable readers, they will, also be sent home on the weekends for your child to read to as many people as possible.

**I Illness:** Please do not send your child to school if they are sick. They must stay home for 24 hours after a fever or vomiting.

**Independence:** Independence is the goal for Kindergarten children because it builds self-esteem and self-confidence. Kindergarteners start to be very capable of doing many things on their own and we encourage them to do as much as they can for themselves in the classroom. We are always there to lend a helping hand, if it is needed. Please work on the following skills at home with your child: zipping, tying, dressing, etc.

**J Jesus:** Jesus is always present in our classrooms. We teach the children to treat others as Jesus would treat them.

**K Keep Updated:** Please check your child's take home folder daily and read notices from the school as well as from the Kindergarten teachers.

**L Library:** We will go to the library once per week.

**Let's Find Out Magazine:** This is a weekly nonfiction magazine used in our classroom that combines science, social studies, health and safety topics together with literacy skills to create a multimedia curriculum.

**M Math:** Students will learn basic math skills and concepts throughout the year. We follow the common core standards.

**Music:** Students will meet for Music Class every week. Mrs. Hoover is our music teacher.

**N Newsletter:** We will send home a classroom newsletter every month.

**Notes:** When sending a note to school, please make sure it is placed in your child's kindergarten folder. Please remind your child

to tell me about the note. I do not want to miss your note!

**O Outside:** Please dress your child for the weather each day. Unless it's raining or too cold, we may go outside each day for a 20 minute recess.

**P Parent Involvement:** Parents are teachers too! It is so important to see parents involved in their child's education.

**Peanuts or anything made in a facility that processes nuts will not be allowed in the classroom!** Peanut butter may be sent to be eaten in the cafeteria only.

**Pick Up:** If you are picking up your child for an appointment, stop by the office. Mrs. Susan will call the room and I will send your child down.

**Q Questions:** If you have any questions please feel free to contact us by writing a note, sending



an email or calling us at the school. We will be happy to get back to you as soon as possible.

**R Religion:** Religion is a very important part of our day. We pray throughout the day. We have both formal and informal Religion lessons. The children attend mass. Religion is integrated throughout the curriculum.

**Reading:** Reading and early literacy plays an instrumental part in our curriculum. We follow the common core standards.

**Restrooms:** The Kindergarten students have bathroom breaks throughout the day and may use the restrooms as needed.

**S Snack:** We will have a snack break each morning in Kindergarten. A healthy snack is provided.

**Science:** Science is a fun part of our classroom. We do multiple science activities through the year and explore using our five

senses. We are also using the publications "Science Spin" and "Science Weekly".

**Social Studies:** We also will be covering Social Studies, stressing special events and national holidays. Our class subscribes to "Studies Weekly", a publication that integrates Social Studies into language arts.

**STREAM:** We incorporate STREAM into our daily lessons. STREAM means: Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Math. We are excited to include many new activities in our classroom that will challenge the children to explore, investigate, predict, solve and evaluate!

**Toys:** Please have your child leave their toys at home! They may get lost or broken at school. **Only on Show and Tell days is your child to bring something from home.**

**U** "U" (You) are your child's first and most important teacher.

**Unique:** Each child in our class is unique and very special!

**Uniforms-** Please refer to dress code.

**V Volunteers and Visitors:** Volunteers have always been wonderful to help with special occasions. Please let us know ahead of time if you can volunteer. **Please get your clearances on file.**

**W Writing:** We do lots of writing in our classroom. Writing follows stages. Do not worry if your child prints backwards at this age. It is very normal for this to occur.

**X** We are eXcited to work with You and your child this year!

**Y Yes!** It will be a wonderful year!

**Z** Make sure your child gets plenty of **ZZZ's** each night so that they are rested and ready for all the wonderful things that are planned!