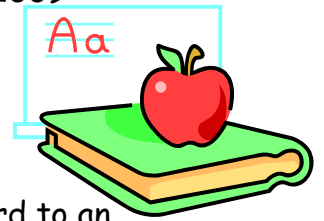


September 8, 2009



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten at P.S. 101. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive school year with your child. It is these first few years that build the foundation of your child's academic careers. In order for this year to be a success, I will need your cooperation with the following.

Each child will need supplies that will be used in class daily. These supplies will stay in school, so please make sure you buy supplies at home for your child to do homework and projects. Please send in the following items listed below by Monday, September 14, 2009:

- 4 folders
- 4 marble notebooks
(Black and White hard cover)
- 1 plastic bottle of Elmer's glue
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 pair of safety scissors
- 1 box of Crayola crayons (24 pack)
- 1 box of Washable Crayola markers
- 5 sharpened pencils
- 1 backpack (schoolbag)-standard size
- 1 plastic art box (standard size)

- 1 box tissues
- 1 box of baby wipes
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 1 box of gallon sized ziplock bags
- 1 magazine for cutting pictures out (preferably parenting magazine)
- 2 recent pictures

Please label all supplies with your child's name and class. All art supplies should come to school in the art box. Also, please buy supplies to keep in your home to use for homework and projects. Occasionally, I will send the art box home on a weekend, at that time please replenish supplies that are broken or running low.

The children will have snack every day. In order to teach your child good eating habits and to keep the classroom clean, I ask that you send in a healthy snack. For example, *fruit, vegetables, crackers, or pretzels* are fine. Candy, gum, and lollipops are not allowed. Also send in a Drink, either a juice box or a small bottle of water. Soda and glass bottles are not permitted. Snack should be in a small lunch box or a brown paper bag with their name on it. If your child is bringing lunch from home, pack the snack separately. Please remind your child that snack is not lunch and should only be eaten at snack time.

Homework will be assigned every night. When homework is given in the workbooks, the page number will be circled and the top corner folded down. *Please only do those pages.* When the homework is a worksheet, after the child has completed the assignment the paper should be glued to a page in their homework notebook. All homework must be signed. I want to instill a love of literature in my students, therefore I ask that you spend 10 minutes each night reading with your child. The district has mandated that each child must read 25 books a year. I have enclosed the Scholastic book order form that will enable your child to start his or her own library. Also, please be sure to check your child's homework folder ***every night***. This is very important as it is the most efficient means of communication between the parents and school.



Dismissal will be promptly at 2:25, on the Bay 35th side of the schoolyard. **Please make sure you are in the schoolyard by 2:20**, this will avoid any anxiety for your child. If someone other than the parent is picking up the child you must inform me in writing. Also, if your child is attending any after school programs you must inform me in writing with the name and phone number of the program. Each child must say goodbye to the teacher before they walk off the line. When you are waiting for your child to come out

please wait by the back fence of the schoolyard. These measures are to ensure safety of all the children.

There will be a conference at the end of the month to discuss the Kindergarten curriculum. If you need to discuss any matters with me privately, you can set up an appointment via the school office. In addition, if your child is absent for 2 consecutive days, please contact the school on the morning of the second missed day to pick up your child's work. When your child returns to school please send them in with a note explaining the absence. I am looking forward to a wonderful year. I sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

The Kindergarten Teachers

