

Kindergarten Newsletter #1

Thursday, September 7th

Dear Families:

Welcome to Kindergarten! I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to MSC. I am looking forward to working with all of you this year. As a member of our classroom community, you are joining a collaborative and supportive learning environment. The purpose of this letter is to go over some of the beginning of the year procedures and information. This newsletter is not meant to overwhelm you, but to answer some questions that families often have.

ARRIVAL: The school day begins at 8:32 AM every morning. Please try to be on time, and please try to have your child use the bathroom and get a drink of water before he/she comes into class.

DISMISSAL: Dismissal will be at 2:55 every day after recess. We will dismiss the kids in the auditorium since we will be coming from recess. Please fill out the dismissal form in the classroom (in the morning) so I know who is picking up your child each and every day!

LUNCH TIME: The children will be eating lunch in the classroom at 11:30 AM every day. Children have the option of either getting school lunch, or they can bring lunch from home. If you are interested in getting school lunch, please let me know so I can let the cafeteria know how many lunches we may need. Please pack a lunch for your child for the first few days to give us time to get everything sorted out.

SNACK: We will have snack in our classroom every day. I will have a sign up sheet posted outside our classroom door. I ask that each family sign up to bring snack on a weekly basis. Please provide enough snack for 25 children. Some examples of snack are: pretzels, cheese sticks, apple slices, and cut up vegetables. Please note that I do not have enough time in the day to cut up food and peel oranges. Please make sure whatever snack you bring in is ready to serve. Thanks so much 😊

PLAY DATES: I will need a specific note on the day of your child's play date in order to let your child go home with his/her friend. Without this note, I will not be able to dismiss your child to his/her friend. Look inside the classroom (near the door) for a space where you can let me know about specific dismissal plans.

BIRTHDAYS: At MSC, we don't celebrate children's birthdays. Instead, we have special days—a day during the year when each child can be celebrated. Each family can sign up to have their child's special day in our classroom. Families are welcome to join us for a special activity and snack. Just see me a few days before you would like to schedule your special day and I will put it in my plan

book. Your child's special day does not have to be on their birthday it can be on any day that works for you and our class.

ALLERGIES: If your child has any allergies or health concerns, please let me know.

EXTRA CLOTHES: Please bring in an extra change of clothes to leave at school for your child. Please label your child's belongings and put in a shoebox stored inside your child's cubby. A Ziploc plastic bag works just as well!

MAIL: Please check the board outside the classroom and your mailboxes (the shoe packet next to the door) every day for important news and information.

IMPORTANT DATES:

9/7:	Dismissal at 12:00 in the classroom (1/2 day)
9/8:	Dismissal at 2:55 in the auditorium
9/13:	K-5 Curriculum night (6:00 in the classroom)
9/26:	6-8 Curriculum night (6:00 in the classroom)

Thanks so much! Here's to a great year and I can't wait to get to know you all.

Love,

Amy