

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Many wonderful things are in store for us as we start kindergarten this year! I am excited to have this opportunity to work with your child.

This handbook will help you understand how things will work in our classroom. Our goal is to provide the best possible learning environment for your kindergartener. Please keep this handbook to use as a reference. I will also post it on our class webpage. It will help answer questions that you may have during the year. If there are ever any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know. I am looking forward to a terrific year!

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Specialist Schedule

Art is on Tuesday

PE is on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Please wear tennis shoes on these days.

Music is on Thursday and Friday.

Library is on Monday and Wednesday. Our check out day is Wednesday.

Please return library books on Wednesday. Your child will not be able to check out a new book unless they return their book from the previous week.

Guidance with Mrs. Starbuck is on Thursday.

Health is on Monday and Wednesday.

Communication

Our communication is vital for your kindergartener's success!

You will receive a white **Wednesday Envelope** with important notes from the school. Please send it back on Thursday.

The blue **take-home folder** will travel back and forth each day with your child. Please check it each day.

The **SeeSaw** app is a way for me to share what is happening in the classroom.

Please don't hesitate to e-mail whenever you have a question or concern. I am able to check my e-mail and voice mail at the beginning and the end of the day. If your child is absent, please email the office and me.

We have parent teacher conferences twice a year, in August and November. We send progress reports home three times a year.

Lunch

All students have a lunch account with Chartwell, our lunch provider. It's easy and convenient to pay online. **If you do send money, please put it in an envelope with your child's name on it.** There is a link on the Clark website to the parent portal with more information. You will be notified if the account reaches a negative balance. Menus can be found online through the Clark website.

You are welcome to come to school to have lunch with your child at 12:15. We ask that you do not bring fast food.

Snack

Please send a healthy snack with your child each day. Please put it in a special spot in their backpack. Our snack time is during story at 10:20. Your child might not eat snack everyday but they do need to be prepared in case they are hungry.

Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays (and half-birthdays) at school. We will **not** celebrate with snacks or treats. Children go to the office on their birthday and say the pledge with Dr. Hays during morning announcements. Each child will paint a picture to be displayed in the classroom birthday museum.

I will distribute party invitations only if everyone in the class is invited. **It is best for invitations to go into the Wednesday envelope.** Student addresses are available in the Clark School Buzz book.

Scholastic Book Orders

I will send home Scholastic book orders each month. You can order online at scholastic.com/bookclubs or send in your order with a check made out to "Scholastic Book Clubs". Our online class activation code is "**GPFRT**". Books offered through Scholastic are often cheaper than retail stores, and our class receives bonus points for free books and materials with every order placed. All of the books in our classroom have been purchased by me or have been gifts to the class.

Field Trips

We go on a few field trips each year. Our PTO generously helps fund one trip. I will ask parents to accompany us on our trip to the pumpkin patch. If you do agree to come, you will be in charge of a small group of children.

Homework

Your child will occasionally be asked to bring in an item, read a book, or practice a skill that we are working on in the classroom. There is no daily homework in kindergarten. We do ask that you read with your child every night, count everything you see, and encourage curiosity and friendship.