

# Welcome to KINDERGARTEN



My Kindergarten Photo

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! This is an exciting time for your child, although he/she may be a little apprehensive about going to "real" school. This is also a time of mixed emotions for parents--- joy that your child is ready for school, but sadness because he/she is no longer a "baby"! The first day of school will mark one of the most important milestones in your child's life. I'm so glad I get to share that with you.

Be assured that I will do my best to make this school year an enjoyable time for your child, but also a time filled with real learning. The skills we practice daily in kindergarten are the building blocks for your child's future success in school and in life. I know if we all work together, we can make this a wonderful year for our students and help them reach each goal that is set for them.

Take a moment to imagine the kindergarten world: letters, numbers, stories, sharing blocks, puzzles, play, paint and play-dough. Imagination and creativity are everywhere. As you talk with your child about their day and celebrate their best effort on the work they do, remember that Kindergarten is a "child's garden." Many times the process is more important than the product, and learning is accomplished by doing, touching, and experiencing. At this early stage of learning, it is important to set routines in your child's life. Try to set aside time each day to discuss what your child did in school.

Throughout the year I will keep you informed of everything that's going on - classroom plans, your child's progress and all the activities that will make this a successful - and memorable - year. I will have more information regarding the curriculum, expectations, communications, class schedule, and, of course, answers to your questions during **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT** on **Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark that day on your calendar to be here to visit the classroom and know more about the coming year. Hope to see all of you.

Also, a friendly reminder that **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION** is on **Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 9 to 11am. This will give your child and I the opportunity to spend a morning together getting accustomed to the routine of a typical school day. The morning routine is most important because it sets the tone for the rest of the day. This is why it is so very important that your child arrives to school on time and has good attendance. Parents are welcome to stay during Kindergarten orientation, however the day will be more geared towards the students.

I am looking forward to embarking on what will be a wonderful school year with you and your child.

Sincerely,

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