

ABCs of Kindergarten!



Attendance is very important! If your child misses school, please remember to write a note or call the office telling why your child was absent. The attendance line number is (519) 570-8087, extension 3384. **A**rrival - School begins at 9:20am. Students must wait quietly outside the school, at the bottom door by the kindergarten playground until that time and will be greeted promptly by the supervising teacher.

****An adult must accompany the children until they are greeted.****

Your child will need a zippered **B**ackpack big enough to hold a Library Book, a Lunch Bag, extra clothes and possibly a pair of boots. Always check your child's **B**ag everyday! Your child's mailbag will be in the bag every night. Every child's **B**irthday is important. Please contact us if you'd like to send in a special snack. We will recognize summer birthdays at the end of the school year. We will send home **B**ook order forms for you and your child to look over every month. Book clubs offer books at reduced prices. It's a great way to build your child's home library!

Communication is very important. Feel free to contact me whenever you have a question, comment, or concern. You can reach me by phone (519- 621-9981), in person, or by note in the **C**ommunication Book. You will receive a school **C**alendar every month to let you know what's happening.

Dismissal - 3:40pm. Children will only be released to an adult we have registered. Your child will not be released to anyone who is not on the list without your permission. You must come down to the Kindergarten entrance to pick up your child. A teacher will escort bus students to the bus at dismissal time. Your child's safety is our number one concern!

Please help your child learn to **E**nter and **E**xit the building safely. Students should always be escorted by a grown-up when crossing the parking lot.

We will be going on **F**ield trips. We always like for parents to go with us, but younger siblings cannot go along. Information about **f**ield trips will come home in the mailbag and will be detailed in the field trip permission slip and monthly newsletter. Sign up on school-day.com.




G is for the good times we will have learning all year!

Students will have no **H**omework in the Kindergarten program.

It is **I** mportant to keep all records current. If you move, get a new phone number, or change babysitters, please be sure to inform the school. Also, don't forget to send the **I** mportant Paper envelope back to school within the first week of school! **I** ndependence is a goal for students because it builds self-esteem and self-confidence. Kindies are 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. Please work on the following self-help skills at home with your child: zipping, tying, dressing, etc.

Don't forget to **J**oin Parent Council! Parent participation is important and valued.

The **K**ey to a successful school year include good communication between home and school, a positive attitude and good attendance. **K** eep updated by reading the classroom newsletter every month and checking the mailbag every day for other notes and information. Donations of **K**leenex are always appreciated! **K**iss and Ride is a service all students can use coming and going from school. Watch for information in the Highland newsletters.



We will be checking out **L**ibrary books twice each week. Our class eats **L**unch at 11:00am and 1:45pm. Please read the Healthy Eating For the Balanced School Day information. Remember you will need to pack enough food for two separate eating times.

Money is difficult for a child to keep track of. Please send in any money in a sealed, labeled envelope.

Not feeling well. If your child has a fever or has been sick the night before, please do not send him/her to school. Always sign your child in and out of the Office when picking him/her up or dropping off. Please be prompt when picking your child up. A **N**ewsletter will be sent home each month to keep you informed about what is happening in our class.

We will have **O**utdoor play every day. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Please consider applying **S**unscreen on your child ever morning.

Please make sure that we have your current **P**hone number at home and at work. We also need a number of a trusted friend or family member to call if we cannot reach you. It's important that we be able to reach you in case of an emergency.

Always let us know if you have any **Q**uestions or concerns

Reading is very important. Please read to your child as often as possible. Don't forget to fill out your child's SPIKE (Reading at Home) reading log after every book read. **R**eport Cards will be sent home twice a year (Once at the end of the Fall/Winter semester, and at the end of the Spring/Summer semester).

Our system for **S**elf-regulation is simple. We work hard to make the classroom a positive and safe place for all. Rules are agreed upon during the first week of school and read and discussed daily. Problems are looked upon as just that--problems to be solved. Your child must have a pair of indoor **S**hoes that can be left at school. We recommend running shoes (NO LACES PLEASE) for daily use. Please label your child's shoes. **S**chool-Day.com is a website our school uses to inform families about Field trips and special events as well as collect permission forms and money. Once you receive the information to sign-up, please do so. **S**pike home reading program will run October until May. Your child will bring home an early reader book they should practice to read independently. Your child can change the book everyday.

Toys - Your child should not bring toys to school. If your child is required to bring in an item for an educational activity, you will be notified in writing. Your child is important to us! We will always treat your child with lots of love, respect, and

Understanding!!

We love parent **V**olunteers. If you have some time to offer--either in the classroom or at home, please fill out and return the parent volunteer form. Help is always needed and appreciated. If you aren't able to come for any reason, please give as much notice as possible. You must always sign in at the office and get a **V**isitor's pass. Strangers in the school cause concern and will be asked to report to the office. Remember, --not everyone knows you.



Have your child **W**ear practical clothes to school. We will make every effort to protect your child's clothes. Also, please label all jackets, sweaters, backpacks, and lunch pails with permanent ink.

We need to have e**X**tra clothes at school if your child has an accident, or gets wet, etc. Please send your child with a labeled Ziploc bag, which will be stored at school.

Please remember that **Y**ou are your child's first and most important teacher. No one can influence your child's life in the way that you can! **Y**our ideas...and suggestions are welcome!

Zzzzzzz - Make sure that your child gets plenty of rest. Setting and keeping a bedtime is a wonderful gift you can give your child. **Z** is for zoom! Sit back and watch your child's skills take

101 Ways to Praise your Child

WOW WAY TO GO SUPER YOU'RE SPECIAL OUTSTANDING
EXCELLENT GREAT GOOD NEAT WELL DONE REMARKABLE I
KNEW YOU COULD DO IT I'M PROUD OF YOU FANTASTIC
SUPER STAR NICE WORK LOOKING GOOD YOU'RE ON TOP OF
IT BEAUTIFUL NOW YOU'RE FLYING YOU'RE CATCHING ON
NOW YOU'VE GOT IT YOU'RE INCREDIBLE BRAVO YOU'RE
FANTASTIC HURRAY FOR YOU YOU'RE ON TARGET YOU'RE
ON YOUR WAY HOW NICE HOW SMART GOOD JOB THAT'S
INCREDIBLE HOT DOG DYNAMITE YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL
YOU'RE UNIQUE NOTHING CAN STOP YOU NOW GOOD FOR
YOU I LIKE YOU YOU'RE A WINNER REMARKABLE JOB
BEAUTIFUL WORK SPECTACULAR YOU'RE SPECTACULAR
YOU'RE DARLING YOU'RE PRECIOUS GREAT DISCOVERY
YOU'VE DISCOVERED THE SECRET YOU FIGURED IT OUT
FANTASTIC JOB HIP, HIP, HURRAY BINGO MAGNIFICENT
MARVELOUS TERRIFIC YOU'RE IMPORTANT PHENOMENAL
YOU'RE SENSATIONAL SUPER WORK CREATIVE JOB SUPER
JOB FANTASTIC JOB EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE YOU'RE A
REAL TROOPER YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE YOU ARE EXCITING
YOU LEARNED IT RIGHT WHAT AN IMAGINATION WHAT A
GOOD LISTENER YOU ARE FUN YOU'RE GROWING UP YOU
TRIED HARD YOU CARE BEAUTIFUL SHARING OUTSTANDING
PERFORMANCE YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND I TRUST YOU
YOU'RE IMPORTANT YOU MEAN A LOT TO ME YOU MAKE
ME HAPPY YOU BELONG YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND YOU MAKE
ME LAUGH YOU BRIGHTEN MY DAY I RESPECT YOU YOU
MEAN THE WORLD TO ME THAT'S CORRECT YOU'RE A JOY
YOU'RE A TREASURE YOU'RE WONDERFUL YOU'RE PERFECT
AWESOME A+ JOB YOU'RE A-OK-MY BUDDY YOU MADE
MY DAY THAT'S THE BEST A BIG HUG A BIG KISS SAY I
LOVE YOU!

