

# KINDERNOTES

## 2009-2010

### PERSONAL PROPERTY

Please print your child's name on everything that comes to school, including clothing, sharing, snacks, money, etc. Always send money in an envelope with your child's name on the outside. Five year olds do not always recognize their own belongings, so the only way the teacher can be of assistance is if there is a name on the object.

Bring a pocket folder to carry papers to and from school. Please send your child to school with a backpack that will accommodate a regular size folder.

### HOMEWORK

Yes, your child will have homework, even in kindergarten! The homework is designed to involve parents in reinforcing skills that are being taught at school. Your child will receive language arts and mathematics homework throughout the year. We ask that you take time to read with your child and to your child daily.

### ARRIVAL

Kindergarten children attend school all day from 7:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. In order to acclimate to a busy school day, the first three weeks will be early dismissal (7:45-11:50 a.m.). ESS will be available. Assessments to determine each students' level will be administered one-on-one during those afternoons. Teachers will provide more information at the Meet-and-Greet on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The children should arrive at school no earlier than 5-10 minutes before their class begins. The children should line up on the K playground upon arrival. Parents will say their farewells on the playground. **Please do not accompany your child into the classroom.**

### DISMISSAL

At dismissal time, the children will be walked out to the grass area just outside the kindergarten gate. Please meet your child in this area. If you are picking up your child in the car, **please park, get out of the car and meet your child.** The red zone is strictly for busses. If for some reason you are late in picking up your child, he or she will be taken to the office to wait for you.

### ATTENDANCE

Continuity at school is very important to your child's learning. If, on occasion, your child is unable to attend school, state law requires that the school be notified of the reason for the absence. Parents may telephone the morning of the absence to the school 24 hr. Absence Tape (858-485-4876)

instead of sending a note. If your child is to miss school for 5 or more consecutive days for any reason other than illness, please call the school office (858-674-4707) at least 3 days in advance to get an Off-Campus Study Contract. If you must pick up your child during school hours for an appointment etc., please go to the office rather than coming directly to their class room so that your child may be "signed-out". We also would appreciate your co-operation in having your child arrive at school on time; if they are tardy, please stop by the office to get a tardy slip before bringing your child to class.

### **SNACKS**

Please send a snack to school with your child every day. We would like to encourage you to send nutritious snacks. A healthy snack might consist of one or more of the following: a half sandwich, a piece of fruit, a vegetable, cheese, or a hard-boiled egg. There is a water fountain available, indoors and out.

### **DRESS**

Since kindergarten is an active time in which your child becomes completely involved, clothing should be comfortable and easy for your child to manage by him/herself. Send your child clean and neat, but don't always expect them to come home that way! Please be sure your child comes to school wearing shoes appropriate for running and playing.

### **REPORTING TO PARENTS**

Report cards are sent home three times each year: November, March, and June. A parent conference will be held in the Fall. If you ever have concerns or questions, feel free to call or e-mail. Should you call during class time, you will be able to leave a voicemail message.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

We would like to invite you to be a volunteer in our classrooms. Parent volunteers strengthen and enrich the kindergarten program. If you would like to volunteer to help in our classroom, please make arrangements to leave younger brothers and sisters at home. If you would like to be a volunteer, please indicate this on our volunteer form. The teacher will be contacting you. Each volunteer must have a TB skin test and Megan's Law clearance in order to work in the classroom. All of the volunteer forms are available on the website.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

We request that no personal birthday party invitations come to school, but rather be sent via the mail to avoid hurt feelings of those not invited. Upon request, we will be happy to provide you with a class list that includes mailing addresses (parents must give their consent to have their address given out).

Dear Parents,

Kindergarten is a very special place. It is a place where children learn through fun-filled happy experiences. It is an exciting and stimulating environment. It is a place where your children will feel success.

We are committed to making this a meaningful year for both you and your child. You can help us most importantly by assuring your child of your love. Show interest in their work, appreciate their efforts, and participate in the projects they bring home. Together we can assure a successful first school year experience for your child.

Sincerely,