

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN



Dear Parents of Mrs. Tagen's Classroom,

We are very excited to have your child in kindergarten next year! We understand that this can be a time of questions about the first few days of school, so we hope that the following information will help make your child's transition to kindergarten that much easier.

1. **The first day of kindergarten is Tuesday August 29th.** For kindergarten only it will be an "Open House" event. Please bring your child with you to view the classroom, meet other parents and children, and get acquainted with your child's teacher. You and your child may visit any time between 9:30 and 11:00. There will be no bus service for kindergartners that day.
2. **Dismissal Procedure:** The teachers will give you your child's going home tag on September 5th. The tag will contain your child's name, address and bus number, if your child is a courtyard or express pick-up that will be on the tag. All children will get a tag even if they will not be riding the bus. This is to ensure the safety of the children as they become familiar with the dismissal routine. **The bus tag must be worn from home to school for the first two weeks.** Your child's teacher will put the tag back on at dismissal time.
3. **Arrival:** In the morning the kindergarten assistants will be in the courtyard and in the school hallways to assist your child as they enter the building. The classroom teachers will be standing at the classroom doorways welcoming your child as they come down our hallway.
4. **Dismissal** - please see the handout describing the pick up and dismissal procedures.
5. If your child seems anxious during the first real drop off or departure at the bus and the temptation to walk your child into school the first few days is strong, we would ask that you think about adhering to a tried and true method of separation: the "1-1-1". You give and receive one kiss, one hug and one smile then goodbye. Believe it or not this little ritual has saved the day in many situations!

We understand that the first few days can be bewildering to children and parents alike. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at 508-541-3434. We promise to take loving care of your little one!

Sincerely,

Patricia Tagen and Laura Jumes
(The Kindergarten Teachers)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Please send in your child's summer reading log by September 8th.
- We will have a morning snack each day, beginning on Wednesday, August 30th. Please send a snack and drink with your child in his/her lunch box each day. Please let your child know each morning which items are for snack and what should be saved for lunchtime.
- We would ask that you do not visit the classroom unannounced. There will be many opportunities for you to participate in your child's year. Unexpected visits can be disruptive to the class.
- We will inform you of Room Parent names and phone numbers at the beginning of the year.
- Notes and papers will go home daily in your child's folder (see attached checklist). Please check for important information there each day.

Kindergarten Schedule 2017-2018

For Kindergarten only the first 3 days of school have been modified:

Tuesday August 29th: "Open House" with parents 9:30-11:00. (No bus!)

Wednesday August 30th: 8:45 -12:00

Transported by morning school bus, if applicable. Parent pick up at school at 12:00. **No afternoon bus**

Thursday August 31st: 8:45 -12:00

Transported by morning school bus, if applicable. Parent pick up at school at 12:00. **No afternoon bus**

Friday September 1st: No School

Monday September 4th: No School; Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5th: Regular school schedule begins.



Kindergarten Supplies Checklist



Please prepare your child for school by providing the following items. Please bring them with you on the first day of school.

Individual Supplies:

- **Backpack** labeled with your child's name.
- **Small shoebox labeled with your child's name containing a full set of extra clothes.** This will remain in the classroom for the school year. Please include a shirt, pants, socks and underwear. Each piece of clothing should be labeled with your child's name.
- **Photo of your child** (as close up as possible) with your child's name on the back. Only if you did not bring one at kindergarten screening in June.
- **One plastic coated two pocket folder** labeled with your child's name. This is used daily for notes and papers to and from school.
- **Completed Summer Reading Logs**

Classroom Supplies:

- Box of tissues
- Roll of paper towels
- Container of Baby Wipes