

GET READY FOR SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Dear Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten at P.S. 297!

Philosophy of the Program

- Young children learn through content exploration
- They are born with curiosity and a desire to learn.
- They like to talk and ask questions.
- They learn best when they are allowed to make choices and investigate topics that they are interested in.

Successful Transition Tips

- Be enthusiastic about upcoming changes. If you are excited and confident your child will be too.
- Develop a goodbye ritual with your child (kisses, special hug, handshake).
- Be supportive, “goodbyes are hard”, reassure them that you are coming back.
- Read books at home about going to school. “Our Class is a Family” by Shannon Olson

What we do in Kindergarten

- Morning Meeting Time- It is a group gathering, during which children have discussions, listen to stories, calendar, count, sing songs, learn social skills, and more.
- Center Time Fridays -Children choose the interest areas in which they would like to work. Interest areas include a writing center, math center, library, tablets, and interactive smart board.
- Problem Solving Wednesdays- Children use strategies to solve complex math problems (manipulatives, drawings).
- Read-Aloud: listen to stories, share and develop a love of literature.
- Outdoor Walks/Recess: Given the opportunity to use their muscles and imagination on the playground.
- Observe nature, and explore how the world changes around them.
- Music and Movement, Art: promotes listening skills, creative expression, physical coordination, and social skills.

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Procedures:

Arrival/ Dismissal Time

- Please bring your child to school promptly at 7:30 am through the cafeteria entrance (by the playground). They will have breakfast and meet with teachers at 8:00 am.
- Please pick your child up in the cafeteria promptly at 2:20 pm. They must be signed out by an adult on the blue card.

Allergies

- Please inform us of any food allergies or asthma.
- Please inform us of any restrictions in activities.

Change of Clothing

- Please send in a change of clothes (pants, socks, underwear, and shirt) in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name.
- Send in a sweater (windows must remain open for airflow).

Homework:

- Check the folders daily for updates, homework assignments, and due dates.

Home/School Supplies

- Bookbag to fit supplies
- Crayons
- Watercolors
- Playdough
- Pencils
- Child scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers
- Dry erase marker/erase
- Ziploc baggies to organize materials
- Mask (in-person)
- Clorox wipes
- Tissues
- Paper towels
- Hand sanitizer/soap
- 2 Notebooks (marble primary composition)
- Folders

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