



Welcome to Kindergarten

September 6, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Kindergarten! I hope all of you had a safe and relaxing summer. My name is Mrs. Mullan, and I am thrilled to be your child's kindergarten teacher this year! We have a very exciting year ahead of us full of learning and fun!

I am very excited to get to know your child and to help make his/her learning experience a successful one. As we begin our new school year, I hope this letter will help explain the classroom procedures that we will use throughout the year.

Meet the Teacher

This is my 9th year teaching Kindergarten at New Monmouth! In 2009, I graduated from the University of Delaware where I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Development and Education. I am dual certified: Pre-school-Grade 3 and Special Education. In 2014, I graduated from Monmouth University and received a Master's of Science in Education: Reading Specialist degree.

Parent Teacher Relationships

I believe in creating a strong family-school partnership, for this will help in your child's school success. During the year, I will communicate through:

- notes
- weekly newsletters
- Classroom website
- SeeSaw (Will be explained at back to school night)
- REMIND app-please see the attached paper for additional information

Folders

Your child will also be provided with a folder that includes pockets labeled "Take Home" and "Bring Back." Please be sure to check your child's folder **everyday** because important notices will be sent home. Any items that need to be sent to school, please place this in the "Bring Back" pocket.

*Supplies

- soft pencil case with zipper
- Ear buds
- 10 glue sticks
- 1 dozen intermediate sized Ticonderoga pencils
- box of 12-16 Crayola crayons
- 6 dry erase markers
- 1 set of Crayola watercolor paint
- 2 roll of paper towels
- 1 box baby wipes
- 1 box of ziplock bags (Boys: gallon size, Girl: quart size)
- change of clothes to be kept in your child's backpack

School supplies do not need to be labeled.

*Please send these items with your child on or after Monday, September 11, 2017.

*Please label your child's first name and last initial on any personal items (e.g. backpack, jacket, lunchbox) that are sent to school.

Snack

Every day the children will have a snack. Please provide you child with **two drinks** (one for snack and one for lunch).

Lunch

Students may bring in their lunch or they may order school lunch. School lunch menus are available online on our district or school website.

For more information, read "PayForIt OnLine School Lunch Payment"
Log on to payforit.net to set up an account.

Specials Schedule

Monday: Spanish

Tuesday: Health

Wednesday: Gym (please wear sneakers)

Thursday: Music

Friday: Art

Money

At times, your child may need to bring money to school (e.g. fundraisers, book orders). Please...

1. place the money in a sealed envelope
2. label the front: first and last name, amount of money included
3. label purpose for money (e.g. "Scholastic book order").

Book Orders

Once a month, a Scholastic book magazine will be sent home with your child. If you wish to purchase any books, simply fill out the form and send in a sealed envelope a check payable to *Scholastic*. This is a great way to build your child's library at home! Any books purchased will also help in building points for our classroom, which will be used to purchase other items for classroom use.

Birthdays

If you would like party invitations to be sent home, I am happy to place them in the children's folders. However, invitations distributed at school need to include the whole class as this prevents the uninvited children from feeling left out.

Although the district policy states that birthday treats are no longer allowed to be sent into school, we will still celebrate your child's special day!

Discipline

In order to ensure your child and other children stay safe in the classroom, the children will be guided in understanding and learning classroom rules and responsible actions. In the classroom, the children will receive specific directions and positive reinforcement, and they will participate in a color system (green, yellow and red).

green = meeting classroom expectations

yellow = warning

red = a note or phone call to parent

"Tucker, the Turtle"

Every Friday, a child's name will be randomly drawn to bring home "Tucker, the Turtle." In addition to Tucker, a journal will be provided. Please help your child to complete the journal in which he/she may take a picture with Tucker (or draw a picture) and write a short story about his/her adventure with Tucker at home. Please help your child to remember to bring Tucker back to school on Monday. Your child will then have the opportunity to share the journal with the class.

We have a very busy and exciting school year ahead of us!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me:

mullana@middletownk12.org.

I appreciate all your help and participation. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mullan

Kindergarten Class List

Mrs. Mullan Room 101

2017-2018

Please complete the attached index card with the following information by Friday, September 8, 2017.

Child's Name (Last, First) Nickname (if any) on top red line
Birthdate (MM/DD/YY)
Home Address
Home Telephone #
Work Telephone # and Cell #
E-mail Address
Emergency Contact (Name, Telephone #s)
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