



Kindergarten Bee News

Welcome back to our returning Kindergarten students and a special welcome to all our new Kindergarten students! We are busy learning new routines and adjusting to being in Kindergarten. Ms. Walsh and I are striving to create a warm environment where your child can enjoy learning through play as well as structured lessons and activities. So far, we see that your children are adjusting to Kindergarten wonderfully. We can see that they are making friends, participating in circle time, participating in learning centres and exploring, through play, the light table, house centre, craft centre, building centre and much more.

Names

Our JKs will be working on printing first names using proper letter formation. We use the Handwriting Without Tears guide for letter formation. When practicing at home, please remember to use an uppercase letter at the beginning of the name, and lowercase letters for the rest. Please remember to use a "top-down" approach, rather than starting on the line and moving upwards when printing letters. Try using a highlighter to print your child's name and help him or her trace over it. Have fun! Here is a website that helps you make printing sheets for names or simple sentences:

<https://tools.atozteacherstuff.com/printable-handwriting-practice-worksheet-maker/>

Teddy Files

Each student has been given a Ziploc freezer bag as a "Teddy File". This will be our communication 'folder' for the year. It will come home each day and should be returned to school with your child each day. **Please send all notes and forms in this bag.** If you lose your bag, please replace it with a large Ziploc and put your child's name on it with marker.

Book Orders

Scholastic book orders will come home near the beginning of each month. This is a voluntary program. If you wish to order books for your child, please complete the order form and return it by the **middle** of the month together **with a cheque** payable to Scholastic or pay with the online option.

Reminders

- To bring:
 - a box of Kleenex,
 - **change of clothes in a Ziploc bag** with name printed with marker
 - gym shoes (VELCRO please, no laces).
- **We are a peanut-free school. Please do not pack anything peanut-related in your child's lunch.**

Labeling

Labeling your child's sweaters, snow-pants, hats and backpacks will help them to be returned if lost. It is also a good idea to label lunch box containers.

Indoor Shoes

It is not necessary for your child to have specific indoor shoes unless it is raining or snowing (in which case they would wear boots to school). It is however necessary for your child to wear running shoes or athletic sandals to participate in gym and outdoor activities. It is highly recommended that girls wear socks and running shoes or athletic sandals that cover the toe as fancy shoes or flip flops do not protect the toes and cannot be worn in the gym or for outdoor activities.

Things that we need

If you would like to donate items, we could always use:

- Plastic spoons
- Black pipe cleaners
- Ribbon
- Stickers
- Sidewalk Chalk

Dates to remember

- September 13 - P.A. Day (no school)
- September 18 - Picture day
- September 19 - Meet the Teacher
- September 20 - La Bottega
- September 24 - Pizza day
- September 27 - Strodes

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. We are looking forward to a great year!

Your partners in education,

Mrs. Heidi Coon

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