

# WELCOME!

to

## Kindergarten

### Fruitport Community Schools



ABC's of  
Kindergarten



If your child will be **absent**, please call the office. They will forward the absence to the classroom teacher. If there is a planned or prolonged absence, please let me know ahead of time.



If you would like to send a **birthday** treat with your child on or near his/her birthday, feel free to do so. Please let the teacher know well in advance. These treats will be eaten during our snack time. Birthdays are recognized during our calendar routine as well. We will recognize summer birthdays at the end of the school year. Do not send **birthday party invitations** to be distributed at school unless all boys or all girls receive an invitation.

**Busses** may not run on schedule the first week of school. Do not be alarmed if your child is late getting home. Once a routine is set, students will go home in their usual manner unless a dated note signed by a parent or guardian is sent in stating otherwise.



Parent-Teacher **conferences** are held twice a year, but please contact us whenever you have a question, comment, or concern.



**Delayed Starts** occur most Wednesdays. We begin school 90 minutes later than on a traditional day.

Make sure your child is **dressed** appropriately for play and learning each day. Remember to label all clothing.



If the information provided on the **emergency cards** changes, inform the office and the classroom teacher.



**Our daily folders** help keep us organized. Please send the folder back daily, checking and emptying notes out every night.

If you would like to enroll your child in our **free breakfast/lunch** program, please contact the school office.

Information about **field trips** will come home in the daily folder and will be detailed in the field trip permission slip and weekly newsletter.



Our class will have **gym** during the week. The children are asked to wear appropriate clothing and tennis shoes on gym days.



Students will have **homework** in kindergarten. Homework is designed for you to do with your child to practice skills learned in class. It not only helps you learn what we are learning in kindergarten, but helps your kindergarten student practice important skills. It teaches responsibility and begins the early idea that homework is a part of school.



**Independence** is a goal for students because it builds self-esteem and self-confidence. Kindergarteners are very capable of doing many things on their own and I encourage them to do as much as they can for themselves in the classroom. Please work on the following self-help skills at home with your child: *zipping, tying, dressing, cleaning up after self, etc.*



Classroom water bottles are designed for water, not **juice**.



**Keep updated** by reading the classroom newsletter and checking the daily folder for notes, homework, and information.



Our class will visit the **library** once a week. Your child will check out a book on our visit and return it the following week. If your child forgets to return the book, they will not be allowed to check out a new book until returned.

**Label** everything, including snow clothes and backpacks. We always have several children with ones that look the same and mix-ups can easily be resolved when initials are on them.



Please make sure that **money** is sent in a sealed envelope labeled with your child's name, and what the money is for. If your last name is different from your child's, please make sure to write their name on the envelope, memo of the check, etc. to make it easier.



A **newsletter** will be sent home to keep you informed about what is happening in our class.

If you send an important **note** to school, it is best to put it in the daily folder.

Please do not put notes in envelopes with book orders or lunch money as these may not be opened immediately.



I will send home book **order** forms for you and your child to look over every month. Book clubs offer books at reduced prices. It's a great way to build your child's home library and they make great gifts!



When picking up your child, you may use the main or the loop **parking lot**. We will dismiss from the doors closest to the Kindergarten rooms. Please arrive 5 minutes early when picking up your child, as students being picked up are first and then bus students are placed on the bus.



**Questions?** Please feel free to call, stop in, email, or send a note.



Kindergarteners have **recess** daily. Send your child in appropriate clothes for playing and for the weather. If a child is too ill to go outside, they are too ill to come to school.



**Start** the day out right and arrive on time. Students will be welcomed into the classroom at the first bell. Before the first bell, students wait outside side in designated areas. Students should not arrive before 8:10, if there is an emergency that requires this they need to be dropped off to the office. On delayed start days our first bell is 90 minutes later than normal. Students miss out on learning opportunities if they are late.



If your child has any changes in their **transportation**, please let me know in writing. Often little ones cannot be relied on to relay this information.

A beach **towel** may be brought in for your child to use during brain break (rest time). They will be stored in their cubby or locker.



Let your child's teacher know of any **unusual** circumstances that may affect your child's performance at school.

If you have an **urgent message** that we need to know about prior to school ending, please contact the office. We do not always have time to check email or voice mail throughout the day.



**Volunteers** and **visitors** must register in the office and pick up a badge. All volunteers for parties, field trips, or the classroom **MUST** have a completed **I-CHAT**. **I-CHAT** forms are located in the office or online. This form must be accompanied by a state identification card. We ask that all parents and any grandparents that may like to attend a party or help out, fill out a form and return it at the beginning of the year.

**Velcro** and slip on shoes will be a great help in the winter as children will need to get on/off shoes and boots several times through the day.



**Wet** and/or dirty clothes can be uncomfortable. Please send a cold weather set and a warm weather set of clothing in a Ziploc baggie **marked** with your child's name on the outside of the bag. Having your own clothes to put on reduces the stress of an accident.



Parents and family members are to use the **main** school entry and **exit** doors near the office at all times.



**You and I**, working together, can make this a successful year of growth for your child.



**Zzzzzzz** - Make sure that your child gets plenty of rest. Establishing a schedule and maintaining a bed time routine benefits your child at school. According to experts, your child should have between 10 to 12 hours per day. It is also very important to make sure your child has a good breakfast or lunch before arrival.

