

MRS. KASSEBAUM'S KINDERGARTEN KORNER

AUGUST 2019



FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL

It is almost time to embark on your child's kindergarten year. It can be a time of anxious feelings for both you and your child, but rest assured we will have a wonderful year! I am working hard setting up the classroom, preparing materials; getting everything ready for an exciting and enriching year. You can prepare your child for those first few days of school by helping him/her read his/her letter and by making sure the nametag is worn on the first day of school. It will also be helpful to have your child lend a hand when packing up all the supplies s/he needs for the first day of school. School begins on **Thursday, August 29 at 7:50 am and ends at 2:40.** Kindergarten will end at **12:00pm** in accordance with the half-day schedule on **Friday, August 30** as well as on **all half days** for the remainder of the school year. You and your child should wait outside the front door of the Early Education Building closest to the rectory where I will come out at **7:45 am** to show you where to line up in the mornings. Every morning, our kindergarten class will enter the building at promptly 7:50 so be outside at 7:45 ready to go! Please pick your child up promptly at 12:00 on half days and 2:40 on full days at the same door. Children attending aftercare will be escorted to the aftercare classroom in the Early Education building. No children will be walked across the parking lot to the main building. All kindergarten students are required to wear the school uniform. Full dress uniform is only required on First Thursdays when we attend Liturgy. Full dress uniform includes a sweater. Please label all clothing with your child's name especially sweaters, ties, and sweatshirts and sweatpants (gym uniform).

SUPPLIES

I have purchased supplies for our literacy pouches and other items each student will use this year. Please send \$10.00 in an envelope to cover this cost on the first day of school. Thank you for purchasing the brands listed below so our supplies are uniform. Only label the art smock, raincoat and backpack with your child's name. I have personalized labels for the folders and notebooks while all other items will be used in community baskets. You may purchase the items listed below at whatever store has really good deals! Please send in the following supplies on the first day of school:

- **Crayola Classic Colors Markers** (Broad line): 10 or 12 pack (fat) markers for our community basket.
- **Mr. Sketch Scented Twistable Crayons Assorted Colors:** 12 or 18 pack for our community basket. Amazon usually has good deals on these. They are also available at Staples.
- **Art Smock:** One of Mom's or Dad's old shirts is terrific. (no apron styles) Please make sure your name is written on it.
- **Backpack:** Large size to fit projects and label with your child's name (NO WHEELS PLEASE)
- **1 Marble Composition notebook**
- **2 Heavy Duty pocket folders:** **without fasteners in the middle and pockets at the bottom.**

- 1 Pink Pearl Eraser
- 1 bottles of Elmer's Glue-All: 4 oz. size (No school glue please)
- 2 Black Paper-Mate Felt Tip Pens*
- 2 Large Purple Elmer's Glue Stick*
- Raincoat with a hood (Please wear on all rainy days or days when rain is expected.)
- 1 tub of Lysol or Clorox wipes

SNACK

Mid morning each day, we will have a small nourishing snack. In an effort to foster healthy eating habits, please send in a small snack such as fruits, vegetables, cheese, pretzels, dry cereal, or yogurt (to name a few). Please include a napkin with your child's snack. A juice box or small water bottle is fine to bring in as well. All snacks should be in **paper bags only**, clearly **printed** with your child's name and the word **"Snack"**. It is my hope that all parts of the snack will be thrown out at the end of snack time so please make sure everything you send in is disposable. This will help us finish our snack in a timely manner.

LUNCH

All lunches should be placed in either a lunch box or bag clearly labeled with your child's name. If you send in a bag, please label the bag, **"LUNCH"**. A drink and a napkin should be included with your child's lunch unless your child is going to buy milk. Children will have the opportunity to purchase a hot lunch or snacks in the cafeteria. This year, a lunch ticket will be \$42.00 for 12 lunches so each individual lunch is \$3.50. Milk is \$.50, water \$1.00, snacks ranged from .25 (fruit snacks), .50 (chips and cookies) to \$1.00 (ice cream). I have a lunch money container where the lunch tickets and a small purse/wallet with money will be kept. Lunch tickets will be sent home when they are finished so you can purchase a new one as needed. A monthly lunch menu will be posted on the school web site. Please reassure your child that I will be with them during lunch to help them buy lunch, snacks, etc. as well as open containers, juice boxes and so on.

FIRST CLASS BOOK

During our first unit of the year, the children will be learning about the five senses. Each child should bring in a box front/top of their favorite cereal, cookie, fruit snack, or cracker, etc by Friday, September 6. These items will be used to make our first class book, which will be read in our Bedtime Story bag.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Back to School Night for Kindergarten will be September 18. Please mark your calendars so that you will be able to attend BTSN. In addition to discussing the kindergarten program in depth, I will have sign-ups for conferences and a variety of opportunities to help our kindergarten class.

THE YEAR AHEAD...

I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child! To keep you up to date, you will be receiving this informative newsletter on a weekly basis. The best way to reach me if you have any questions is through email or sending a note to school in your child's BEE Folder (this will come home the first day of school). My school email address is ckassebaum@icsclinton.org.

Enjoy the rest of the summer! Looking forward to a terrific year! God Bless!