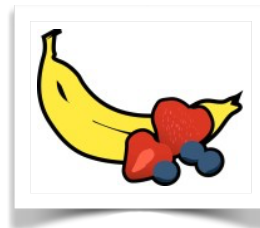


# Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

## New Beginnings

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 fantastic year! I have been hard at work setting up the room and preparing materials, getting ready for an exciting and enriching year for each child. Hopefully, this letter will put you at ease. Mid morning each day we will have a nourishing snack. Some snack suggestions are fruits, vegetables, cheese, pretzels, dry cereal, or yogurt (to name a few). Try to avoid sticky/messy snacks such as fruit snacks, fruit cups and raisins. Kindly include a napkin in the snack bag. A disposable drink can also be included such as a juice box. All snacks should be in a paper/reusable bag clearly labeled with the word "SNACK" and your child's name neatly printed on it. **Snack should be kept separate from lunches and not placed in the lunch box. Please put a drink in your child's lunch box unless milk is being purchased.** Water bottles will stay in the side pocket of your child's backpack for drinking throughout the day in the classroom. During our kindergarten day we will be taking a few minutes out of our busy schedule to enjoy some quiet time. We will relax to some soothing music and rest our bodies in the afternoon. I will use this time to assess students as well as work with small groups. **UNIFORMS** Please make sure you follow the uniform policy when buying clothing. All uniform pieces must be FlynnO'Hara. Hair accessories may only be blue, white, green or the school plaid. It is extremely important to follow the policies school wide. I appreciate your support!



## Kindergarten Is Coming

You can prepare your child for those first few days of school by helping him or her read the letter I have sent and by making sure their name tag is worn on the first day of school. It will also be helpful to have your child help you pack up all items and supplies s/he needs for kindergarten. School begins on Thursday, August 31st at 7:50 which is a full day. Your child needs a lunch from home on the 1st day. Kindergarten will end at 12:15 PM in accordance with the half-day schedule on Friday, as well as on all half days for the remainder of the school year. **You are welcome to bring your supplies to the Blue Knight Orientation Day on August 28th between 2-4.** The children will have the opportunity to meet me and see the classroom.



## Bits and Pieces

### Our First Class Book

During our first unit of the year we will be learning about our five senses. With that in mind our first class book will revolve around our sense of taste. I would like each child to bring in 1 box front of their favorite cereal, cookies, fruit snacks, crackers, etc. on the first day of school. We will put them together in a book for all to read in our Bedtime Story bag! **Please put your child's name on the back.**

### Reminder

Please remember to enclose \$10.00 in an envelope to cover the special supplies I have purchased over the summer for your child.

## Lunch

All lunches should be placed in a lunch box clearly labeled with your child's name. **A drink and a napkin should be included with your child's lunch unless your child is going to buy milk.** In the past milk has cost fifty cents in the cafeteria. Children will have the opportunity to purchase a hot lunch on a daily basis. All families need to sign up for the on line payment forum so your child can purchase lunch, snack or milk. The school will send out information regarding the lunch payment system so you can sign up. We are not using cash in the cafeteria. Please reassure your child that I will be with them during lunchtime to help them buy lunch, snacks etc. as well as to open containers, juice boxes and so on until they are comfortable.



## Kindergarten Necessities

**Please do not put your child's name on any of the supplies listed below except for the art smock and backpack.** I have specific labels for the supplies, folders and notebook. Please bring in the following supplies on visiting day, Monday, August 28th or the first day of school:

- **CRAYOLA Classic broad line markers** (assorted 10 or 12 colors). We will be putting all the markers together in community baskets so there is no need to put your child's name on the box. Please make sure you purchase the **Crayola** brand or the lids will not be interchangeable.  
1 **pink Pearl Eraser**
- **Backpack with outside pocket(s)** for a water bottle (**large size** and no wheels please labeled with your child's name)
- **3 Mead Primary Journals, Half Page Ruled Grades K-2, 100 sheets.** I will put labels on these so you don't need to put your child's name on them. \$2.97 at Walmart.com
- **2 PaperMate Flair Felt tip Marker Pens** (black)
- **2 Packages Mr. Sketch scented twistable crayons assorted colors** 18 count if you can find them or 12 count packages (Amazon sells this item)
- **2 polypropylene pocket folders without fasteners in the middle and pockets on the bottom.** I will put labels on the folders so you don't need to put your child's name on these.  
1 **giant or jumbo Elmer's purple disappearing glue stick**  
1 or 2 (4 fl oz.) **bottles of Elmer's Glue All (no school glue please)**  
**Art Smock (Please put your child's name on it.** An old adult shirt works great!
- **\$10.00 in an envelope with your child's name on it.** This is for misc. supplies I've purchased such as notebooks, reading book bags and several other items we will use this year.

To keep you up to date, you will be receiving this informative newsletter weekly. If you need to contact me please feel free to email me at, eziemba@icsclinton.org. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child!

## Bits and Pieces

### The Beginning of School

School starts at 7:50 on Thursday, August 31st. **This is a full day and your child needs to bring a lunch from home.**

### Supply Pictures

