

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Kindergarten! We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child. The start of kindergarten is an exciting and somewhat apprehensive time for the children and parents. It is our hope that this letter will address some of your initial questions and concerns.

We are very fortunate to have a full-day kindergarten program with full-time aides, in each room. Our program includes full specials (music, physical education, and art) and lunch.

Children arrive at 8:40 am and are dismissed at 3:00 pm.

Your child will be met at the outer primary door at the beginning of the school session. Please say your good-byes outside of the building. Your child will then enter the building alone and be directed into the classroom. We dismiss from the same primary door at 3:00 pm. We will dismiss the children to you. Children will only be dismissed to their parents. If an alternative caretaker will be picking up your child, the office must be given written consent, in advance, along with the name and physical description (preferably a photo) of the individual. This is a school policy that is enforced for the protection of your child.

The kindergarten children eat a snack during the course of the day. In order to encourage more independence, order, nutrition, and social graces, a snack will be provided in school. We will collect \$8.00 per child, every two months (or optional, one time, payment of \$40.00 for the year). This is used to purchase the nutritious snacks that are served in class each day. **Please send \$8.00, in an envelope with your child's name, during the first week of school. Please make us aware of any food allergies, asap.**

Children will eat lunch in the cafeteria every day. They have the option of buying school lunch or bringing lunch from home.

Attendance plays a very important part of a successful school year for your child. Please make every effort to have your child in school. When it is necessary for your child to be absent from school, you are required to send in a written excuse on the day they return to school.

General Supply List for Kindergarten:

1. One - large backpack
2. One - lunch box(if your child will be bringing lunch from home)
3. Two – folders (**Losito-not** plastic-large sized with bottom pockets only **Shuk** – only plastic folders)
4. Two - “Crayola” **brand sketchbooks** with the top spiral to begin the year. (Available at Wal-Mart, Staples...)
5. One -primary colors – **10** count package of Crayola “Twist Up” crayons
6. 6 permanent glue sticks.
7. One pair of scissors
8. One pack of post-it notes (any color any size)
9. One box of colored pencils
10. One box of magic markers
11. One (1) box of gallon size baggies and one (1) box of quart size baggies (any brand)
12. 2 containers of disinfectant wipes (any brand is fine - no bleach)
13. \$8.00 for September and October snack money
14. One set of computer adaptable headphones to be left in school and only used by your child.

We would also like each child to bring a family photo and their favorite story/book to

school on the first day.



As part of our integrated approach to reading and writing, our classes will do reading and writing workshop daily. Encourage your children to read by taking the time to share books together. Family trips to the library are a lot of fun and productive, too. Check out the Howland Library Summer Reading Fun programs. We will have the opportunity to talk about the curriculum during “Meet the Teacher” night and at the parent-teacher conferences in the fall.

If you would like to work on writing skills over the summer, please see the attached letter and numeral formation sheets. The children will be required to learn to write their names with lower case letters. Only the first letter will be capitalized.

Finally, we realize that parent-teacher communication during the school year is very important. Please understand that we will be unable to address questions during entrance and dismissal, as our focus must be on the children. The best way to communicate with me is definitely through email. – Losito.t@beaconk12.org or shuk.b@beaconk12.org

Once again, we welcome everyone. We can ensure that the children have a positive, happy and productive year in kindergarten, by working together. We look forward to meeting your children at the annual summer kindergarten BBQ in September. See you then!

Sincerely,

☺ Mrs. Losito and Mrs. Shuk ☺