## Dear Kindergarten Families,

I am very excited to start a new school year with your child. The first day of school is September 6th and there are important details of our daily schedule and routines for you to know:

- The Kindergartners will have a short snack time each day. Our snack takes place at the beginning of our day. Please pack a healthy snack and drink. A water bottle is preferred as the drink of choice. It is best to send your child with a snack that is easy to open. Our snack is usually about 20 minutes long. We have a "working snack" during our Morning Meeting.
- We operate on a six-day cycle. Days rotate only on the days we are in school. For example, if Monday is Day 1 and there is no school on Tuesday, Wednesday would be Day 2. Gym is scheduled once a cycle, and the children are required to wear sneakers.
- We love celebrating birthdays! Due to many food allergies, district policy discourages birthday treats. In lieu of treats, we will celebrate by giving your child a crown and singing happy birthday to your child. Your child may also bring in their favorite book from home if they'd like and I will read it to the class in honor of their birthday. If your child has a summer birthday, don't worry we'll celebrate before the end of the year or you can reach out to me to celebrate their half birthday!
- I will provide your child with a Take Home Folder on the first day of school. This folder should be brought to school every day inside your child's backpack. I place school notices, teacher notes, completed work and homework in this folder. Please check the folder daily. Any notes that are sent in with your child should be placed in their folder as well as completed homework assignments. \*Please label all of the notes that come to school.\*
- From the first day of school, your child needs to bring a *FULL SIZE* backpack. While smaller backpacks are cute, they will crunch their folders and they do not have enough space for materials your child may bring home.

- I will put a bus tag on your child on their first day of school. Please have your child wear this bus tag for the first week of school. You may also want to go over the bus numbers with your child to and from school. I personally escort the children to their take home bus.
- Please check the website for our Kindergarten Supply List.
- If you have any concerns, large or small, please feel free to contact me once the school year begins.

## I look forward to meeting you and your child!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Guzy

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