

September 2019

Dear First Grade Families,

My name is Kathy Rottenberg and I am *thrilled* to be your child's first grade teacher! I am looking forward to working with your child, the first grade team and you to create a safe, fun and individualized classroom environment.

Please complete the student information sheet enclosed and have your child bring this sheet to school in a sealed envelope with his/her name. This valuable information will help me enrich your child's first grade experience.

A general first grade supply list is on our school's website. No dry erase markers are needed for our classroom. In addition, please have your child bring the following items, specific for our classroom:

- 2 favorite books that your child likes to look at, read, or hear (labeled with your child's name, these will be returned).
- 1 old sock with your child's name on it (this will be used as a white board eraser).
- 1 one-subject spiral notebook (labeled with your child's name).
- 1 three ring 1-inch binder (labeled with your child's name).
- 1 box of Crayola crayons (24 crayon pack).
- 3-5 photos (in a labeled Ziploc bag) that capture 5 DIFFERENT special memories so that the students can share and write separate stories in Writer's Workshop.
- One small item that triggers a special memory for your child. Some examples are: a souvenir purchased on a trip, a special coin or a postcard. It should be something that can fit in your child's hands and can be displayed on a table. This item will be returned; please label it with your child's name.
- Three containers (please no individual packets) of hand sanitizing wipes, specifically for the skin (like Wet Wipes)
- Fabric pencil case large enough to fit a box of crayons, and pencils

Please send supplies to school by Monday, September 16th or as soon as possible.

A few reminders from the main office...

- *Your child will need a sturdy backpack **without wheels** that can hold a 9x12 folder and sneakers or rubber soled shoes for active play. Backpacks, lunch bags, and all outer clothing should be clearly marked on the inside with your child's name. Please place an old, cotton pullover t-shirt in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name to be used as a smock.*
- *MKM uses Pick Up Patrol to manage the arrivals, dismissals and attendance of students at the Early Childhood Center. You will receive an email inviting you to set up your child's PickUp Patrol account at the end of August. Unless you have signed a bus waiver, the Early Childhood Center assumes that all students will be utilizing the school bus at dismissal. If your child has an alternate dismissal plan (YMCA, parent pick-up, after school recreation, enrichment, etc.) you must change your child's dismissal in the PickUp Patrol app. Be aware that children may ride **only their assigned bus and may get on and off the bus only at their regular stop.** Information regarding busing can be found in InfoSnap. The district sent an email in August, with a link to your InfoSnap account.*

There will be a "Meet and Greet" on Wednesday, Sept. 4 from 2:30 pm until 3:00 pm when you can visit our school, classroom and drop off supplies, if you would like.

I am excited to meet you and your child and am eagerly awaiting this wonderful opportunity!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Katherine Rottenberg

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