

August 25th, 2017

Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year! I am thrilled to be teaching kindergarten, and I am looking forward to watching your remarkable children grow. Mrs. Holbert will be our classroom assistant this year. This letter is just to introduce our class and bring a few things to your attention before we begin school next week.

Transportation: Please let me know how you would like your child to get home (i.e. car rider, bus rider with bus number). If there are any changes, please be sure to send a written note.

Communication: Your child received a blue Cougar Folder. This folder serves as our communication to and from school (in addition to email). Please be sure to check this folder nightly as it will contain important information from the school and myself. I will also post a Weekly Update to my class website. This will let you know what is happening in our classroom each week. I will send out an email reminder on Fridays to check it out. Other helpful information is also located on our class website. seropian.weebly.com

Supplies: If you have not already, please send your child's school supplies in on the first day of school, if you have not already.

Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack: Breakfast is served in the cafeteria beginning at 7:30 and ending promptly at 7:55, and the cost is \$1.

Our class has lunch from 11:10-11:40. Your child may pack a lunch or purchase one in the cafeteria. If you send in lunch money for your student, please send it in a sealed envelope with their name on it. Regular lunch is \$2.40 per day.

If you pack a lunch for your student, be sure that they are able to independently open the items and containers you pack.

We will also have a snack in the morning. Your child should bring a substantial snack every day. I recommend healthy snacks such as fruit, pretzels, carrots, cheese & crackers, etc. Please avoid sending the juice-filled fruit cups that are prone to spilling, as our room is carpeted.

Your child is welcome to bring a water bottle from home to remain in their cubby during the day. Please remind them to carry their water bottle separate or keep it upright on the side of their book bag to avoid spills inside their book bags or lunch boxes.

Attendance: Students may arrive between 7:30 and 7:55. Students arriving between 7:30 and 7:55 will be supervised in the gym or academic hallway by a staff member. Students who will be eating breakfast go directly to the cafeteria. Students must arrive by 8:00, and any student arriving after that time will need a tardy note from the office. PSAM Program is available for students who need to arrive before 7:30. Dismissal is at 3:00.

If you know your child will be absent a head of time, please let me know and I will send their work home. Be sure to send in a doctor's note when applicable.

Volunteering: Please be sure to sign in and out in the office when you visit and please wear your ID sticker at all times while on campus. If you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis, please let me know, and I will help you to register.

Behavior: In our classroom students will be expected to learn our classroom rules and follow them. We are rewarded for our individual behavior, as well as our whole class behavior. I use a clip up/down chart where the students can always improve their behavior, even on a good day. In your child's daily folder, you will see a calendar where the children will record their behavior. The color in which they color the block on the calendar correlates with their behavior for the day. **All students start every day on "Ready to Learn," which is green.** I am a big believer in positive reinforcements and encouragement to help motivate. If students are doing very well they will get to clip up "above the line". The behavior/color correlation is the following(, purple-outstanding, pink -great choices, blue- good choices, green-ready to learn, yellow- think about it, orange- consequence/teacher choice, red- very poor choices/parent contact) I encourage you to check and sign their behavior calendar daily.

Clothing: The children will be very active during the day. Shoes should have backs, and open toed shoes are discouraged. P.E. days, which will be on Monday and Thursday, students will need to wear sneakers. If your child is not yet tying shoes, please keep working with them!

Please label your child's jackets, backpacks and lunchboxes to avoid confusion. If you plan to include your child's snack for the day in their lunch box, it is helpful if you label that as well.

I recommend sending in a spare set of clothing for your student to keep in the back of their cubby, in case they need to change for any reason. Please send a winter set once that time comes.

Birthdays: I love to celebrate with my students especially when it is their birthday. Feel free to bring in a store bought, treat to share with our friends during lunch. Please bring enough for each child, currently we have 19 students. If you would like party invitations passed out at school, you must include an invitation for every child; your student will be allowed to place them in each child's cubby.

I'm looking forward to getting to know your child and working with you throughout the school year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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