

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

❖ Preparation for School

- Teach your child to:
 - say his/her full name, address and phone number
 - dress himself/herself, tie his/her own shoes, practice putting on sweaters, buttoning and zipping jackets/coats
 - listen to others when they are speaking
 - follow directions
 - practice correct bathroom procedures

❖ Health and Attendance

- Please return completed **medical forms promptly!**
- Regular school attendance is important for your child. It builds good habits and helps your Kindergarten child build a positive attitude toward school for the future.
- If your child is absent from school, please send in an absent note on the date of return. If your child is absent three or more days, please send in a doctor's note.
- If your child has had a serious illness, hospital stay or disability prior to entering school, the school administration and school nurse should be informed. This helps the school and teacher have a better understanding of your child.
- If your child has an allergy or a special medical condition that you feel the school should know about or if your child has any vision or hearing deficiency, please notify the school nurse and teacher before or on the first day of school. If medication or an EpiPen is required for your child, please sure to send in a picture of your son/daughter so that we can label it accordingly.

❖ General Information

- Adults are required to have identification with them when entering the school.
- Adults are not permitted into the students' restrooms.

We look forward to working with you and your child!

September 2018

Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year at P.S. 53! We hope that all of you had an enjoyable summer and are ready for the exciting, challenging, and important school year that is ahead of us!

Listed below you will find some useful information to help make this school year a success!

HOMEWORK:

- Homework will be assigned Monday through Thursday.
- A homework sheet will be sent home every Monday as well as being posted on our class websites. Please check your child's folder every day.
- Please check and sign your child's homework each night (including children that are in latchkey).
- Even though there is no homework on Friday, please check and empty the folders. This is how all important notices will be sent home.

REMINDE:

- Please sign up as soon as possible for *Remind*. *Remind* is a text messaging system. Messages will be sent to you from us reminding you of things going on in school or our class. You will not be able to respond to this message.
- The best way to reach us is through e-mail (posted on class website) or a handwritten note placed in your child's homework folder.

PHONICS:

- Our phonics/reading program at P.S.53 is called *Orton-Gillingham*. Details and workshops will follow.
- **RED WORDS: (Sight Words)**
 - Red words will be introduced weekly (Tuesdays and Thursdays) beginning the last week of September. Your child will be responsible to read, write and spell these words throughout the year.
 - Every Friday, children will be tested on these red words.
- **GREEN WORDS:**
 - Green words, also known as CVC (**C**onsonant **V**owel **C**onsonant) words are made up of letter/sounds already taught in class (ex: cod, hat...)
- **TASTING DAY:**
 - After learning a new letter/sound concept, we will ask as part of homework to send in a special, fun treat that corresponds to that newly learned letter (ex: Bring in cookies for the letter/sound "Cc.")
 - This is *OPTIONAL*. If you do not want your child to participate, please let us know.

READING:

- Our reading program is based on New York State Common Core Learning Standards using both fiction and non-fiction texts.
- Please begin reading with your child every night and log on reading sheet!

- Student independent reading levels will be assessed three times this school year using Fountas and Pinnell.

Grade	Level	Beginning	Middle	End
Kindergarten	Below	N/A	A/B	C
	On	N/A	B/C	D
	Above	N/A	C/D	E

MATH:

- Our math program at P.S.53 is called *Go Math*.
- Math homework will be given on a daily basis from *Go Math* workbooks. Please return the workbooks to class every day.

GYM:

- Our class has gym every _____.
- Please make sure your child wears sneakers on that day.

LUNCH:

- We will be eating lunch every day at _____.
- Your child can bring lunch from home or have hot lunch from school.

SNACK:

- We will have snack every day in the classroom.
- All snacks brought to school should be healthy! **Fruits and vegetables** are good choices. Snacks such as cookies, cakes, candies or chips are **not allowed**.
- You may send a disposable water bottle (no thermoses allowed). Please label with your child's name.
- Sodas and juices are **NOT** permitted. Please do not send anything in a glass bottle.
- **Snacks need to be packed separately from lunch in a clearly labeled disposable bag.**
- **PLEASE TELL US IMMEDIATELY IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY ALLERGIES OR FOOD RESTRICTIONS!**

BIRTHDAYS:

- We will celebrate your child's birthday if you send in items. Please let us know ahead of time so we can plan accordingly.
- Cupcakes or Munchkins are suggested. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN A FULL BIRTHDAY CAKE.**
- You may send in paper goods as well as goody bags that will be sent home at the end of the day.

MYSTERY READERS:

- Attached is a notice for you to sign up as a *Mystery Reader* for the class. Parents, grandparents, an older sibling or relative may come in and read to the class.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS:

- If you wish to order from *Scholastic Book Club*, you must return the order form and a **CHECK** payable to *SCHOLASTIC* by the due date in a labeled envelope. Ordering on-line is available. Check with your teacher.
- Try to purchase books on your child's level. If you are unsure, please ask us.

ABSENCES:

- **A dated absent note MUST be brought back to school on the day of return.**
- Since the homework sheet is sent home every Monday and will be posted on our class websites, it is always a good idea to make sure your child makes up his/her missing homework if they are absent.
- It would be beneficial if you have a Homework Buddy.

TRIPS:

- We plan many trips throughout the school year. You will be notified of any trips as soon as the information is available.
- You will receive permission slips for all trips. Please sign and return them with the amount of money requested as soon as possible in a labeled envelope.
- Parents can request to be a chaperone for a trip. Please keep in mind that the number of parents on each trip might be limited. In that case, names will be picked randomly.

REMINDERS:

- Please be sure to **LABEL** any envelopes containing money with your child's name and class.
- If your child is commuting home in a different way than normal, please send in a handwritten note. The person picking up your child must be on the blue card and have **identification** with them.
- DISMISSAL for kindergarten is 2:20.

If at any time during the year you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. Our e-mail addresses are listed on our class websites or you may place a note in your child's folder.

We are excited about this upcoming school year and are looking forward to working closely with all of you! We are all on the **same team** and must all **work together** for your child's continued success! We thank you in advance for all your cooperation!

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Teachers

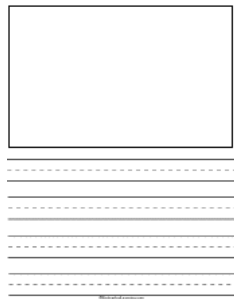
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to P.S. 53! We are looking forward to a wonderful and successful Kindergarten experience for your child. To help prepare, we have listed supplies your child will need for this school year. These items will be kept in school for the entire year. Please **LABEL** each item with your child's name and class.

❖ **Please send in the following items on the first day of school:**

- ✓ 5 hard-covered **Primary Notebooks** (Staples/Lakeshore/Amazon sells them)



(Pages should have a picture box on the top with handwriting lines on the bottom.)

- ✓ 3 folders (bottom pockets please)
- ✓ 1 pair of scissors
- ✓ 1 Elmer's **WHITE** glue
- ✓ 3 large glue sticks
- ✓ A box of at least 10 sharpened pencils in a pencil case (replenish as needed)
- ✓ 1 box of Crayola Crayons, 24 colors (regular size not pre-school size)
- ✓ 1 box of Crayola washable markers
- ✓ 1 set of Crayola brand water color paint
- ✓ 1 small plastic supply/art box for glue stick, scissors, and crayons to be kept in their desks
- ✓ 1 package of fine tip dry erase markers (Expo Brand) and one sock for erasing in a labeled Ziploc bag
- ✓ 1 backpack (no wheels)
- ✓ \$6 (CASH ONLY) in a labeled envelope to Mrs. Mascia for National Geographic Subscription

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❖ **Please bring in the following items to the Curriculum Conference in September:**

- ✓ 3 packages of white copy paper
- ✓ 1 package of multicolored construction paper
- ✓ 1-inch white binder
- ✓ 1 package of 5-tab binder dividers
- ✓ 8.5" X 11" spiral bound sketch book
- ✓ 1 container of Clorox
- ✓ 1 package of baby wipes
- ✓ 3 rolls of paper towels
- ✓ 2 boxes of tissues
- ✓ 2 boxes of Ziploc storage bags (boys: gallon size box, girls: sandwich size box)
- ✓ Boys: 1 bottle of liquid hand soap (not antibacterial)
- ✓ Girls: 1 bottle of hand sanitizer

******* MANDATORY! *******

❖ **WE MUST HAVE 1 CHANGE OF CLOTHES (IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT) PACKED IN A LARGE ZIPLOC BAG (LABELED).**

We suggest that you purchase crayons, scissors, and glue to keep at home for homework use. Please label all of your child's supplies and belongings with their name and class.

We are asking that you pack a healthy snack separately from their lunch in a disposable bag.

Thank You!

The Kindergarten Teachers