

WINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten! This will be an exciting year, and we are looking forward to working with you and your child! We hope you will find the following information to be helpful.

SUPPLIES

You should have received a supply list in the mail with your child's bus tag. If you need another copy, let us know! The most important things are listed below.

1. One marble composition book.
2. Two spiral notebooks.
3. Some type of tote bag. This is essential in helping us get materials to and from school with your child. We discourage drawstring bags as well as backpacks. The office will be selling Winfield Elementary Tote Bags for \$10. Please stop by and see them if you are interested. Remember to put your child's name on his or her bag, as well as on any other items that come to school.
4. **Please send an extra set of clothes for your child. Include underwear, socks, shoes, shirt, and shorts or pants. Clothing should be labeled with your child's name and sent in a ziploc bag.**

NEWSLETTER

At the beginning of each month, you will receive a Kindergarten newsletter which will give you some idea of what will be happening that month. We will also include a list of things we could use in the classroom. This month we need film (200- or 400-speed, 35mm), gift bags with handles (about 8x10 inch size), 5 oz. Dixie cups, and napkins.

LUNCH

If your child is buying lunch this year, there are two different meal plans. For details on the different plans, please refer to the Winfield Newsletter that was mailed to your home. If you choose to send in a daily payment, **please put the money in a Ziploc bag with your child's name and lunch choice written on the bag.** Also, if your child packs his/her lunch, please label the bag with his/her name.

SNACK

Due to an early lunch, the children will be having an afternoon snack each day. **Please pack your child one simple, healthy snack each day and label it with your child's name and the word "snack."** We will remove the labeled snack from your child's lunch box or tote bag in the morning and store it in a separate place until afternoon. Please do not send a snack that requires a utensil or that may create spills as we will be eating in our classroom.

CLOTHING

Please dress your child comfortably for school. Dress should be appropriate for painting, rug, water play, etc. Shorts and slacks are perfectly fine for all children. **Tennis shoes are required for P.E. and outside recess.** If your child wears flip-flops, crocs or other unsafe shoes, he/she will not be able to participate in recess or P.E. Please help your child learn how to zip, snap, tie shoes, and button. **Note: We will be going outside daily, so please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

We will be placing Scholastic Book Club orders throughout the year, and we invite you to order some books for your child's home library. There is no obligation to order! The first order forms will be coming home in September. Please remember to **make your checks out to Scholastic Book Club.**

BIRTHDAYS

The children may celebrate birthdays at school by bringing in a **non-edible treat** such as stickers, pencils, bookmarks, mini-erasers, etc. to share with the class. Please check with your child's teacher to find out how many children are in your child's class before sending in items. **Due to severe food allergies, we will no longer accept food treats.**

Please be aware that county policy states that party invitations may not be given out at school.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We will need volunteers to work with kindergarten daily from 9:00-11:45. If you are available and would like to come in and help us, please indicate this on the attached sheet. Each teacher will also need a classroom parent to coordinate volunteers and celebrations. If you are interested in this responsibility, please indicate this on the attached sheet. **All volunteers must attend a training session at least 7 schools days prior to volunteering, chaperoning a field trip, or helping in any classroom activity (including the 100th day party and end-of-the-year picnic).** For dates and more information on volunteer trainings, please refer to your Winfield Newsletter. Thank you!

SCHOOL PICTURES

Individual school pictures will be taken on September 3rd.

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

The following dates have been scheduled by the Board of Education as 2-hour and 45-minute early dismissal days. **All students will be dismissed at 1:00.**

September 18

October 29

November 9

December 3 & 23

January 22

February 5

March 15

April 1

May 11

June 10 (or last day for students)

MAILBOX

As children enter the room each day, their **first responsibility** will be to unpack their tote bags. Any important papers they have to return should be placed in the classroom **mailbox**. Examples include absence notes, field trip permission slips and money, and emergency cards. **Please remind your child** about this procedure as you are packing his/her tote bag for school **each day**.

HOMEWORK

Your child will be bringing home a poem book and math homework weekly. You will need to initial when the homework is completed. This is a perfect opportunity for your child to share what they have been working on in school. Please refer to your child's teacher for specific days. Each teacher may choose to send home additional practice activities throughout the year.

HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

In order for your child to have a successful and enjoyable school year, it will be important that we have open communication. If at any time you would like to talk with your child's teacher, please send a note with your child or call the school at 410-751-3242. We will answer notes and phone calls as promptly as we are able.

We are truly looking forward to having your child in class this year. We are also eager to meet all of you and hope that many of you will be able to help us throughout the year.

Here's to a great year!

The Kindergarten Team

Mrs. Zumbrun & Mrs. Gatuso
Mrs. Estes & Mrs. Grimes
Ms. Wise & Mrs. Ebeling
Ms. Sharpnack & Mrs. Long
Mrs. Alexander & Mrs. Smith