

July 20, 2010

Dear Kindergarten Family,

Welcome to Kindergarten! Starting school will be exciting for you and your child. Your child will undergo a variety of new feelings and experiences including riding the bus, independence, separation from home, and making new friends to name just a few. It will be a year full of growth, learning and success. The Kindergarten classroom is a busy place and we can all do a few things to help prepare for this wonderful time.

The first day of Kindergarten can be overwhelming for students and parents. To help ease the transition, Kindergarten Orientation has been designed to assist children to become more comfortable with their new school, teacher and classroom routines. It is our recommendation that your child attend each day of Kindergarten Orientation.

Kindergarten Orientation has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 31st, Wednesday, September 1st and Thursday, September 2nd from 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the school. In order for your child to participate in Kindergarten Orientation and be fully registered for the 2010-2011 school year, all required District paperwork received at the time of Kindergarten screening must be completed in full and returned to the school no later than August 6, 2010.

Transportation will be provided by the school. To register for this year's Kindergarten Orientation and arrange transportation, please call the school at 962-8244 no later than August 6, 2010.

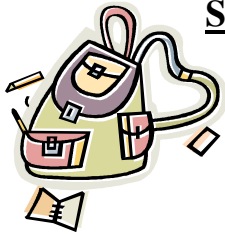
We are so excited about the upcoming school year and having the opportunity to work with you and your child! We look forward to meeting our newest Eaglets on August 31st! The enclosed information will be helpful for you and your child as you discuss this new experience. Please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Bisselle or Mrs. Friedman at 962-8244 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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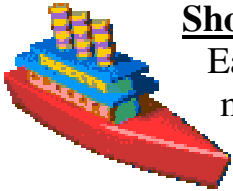
Mrs. Michele Friedman, Principal
friedmanm@westportcs.org





Supplies

Your child will need his/her own book bag/backpack, water bottle, 4 two-pocket folders, gym sneakers, a change of clothes, a small pillow and a blanket. Please make sure that all items are labeled with your child's name.



Show and Tell

Each Friday we will take time to share a special object from home. The first month will be free choice items. The rest of the year, your child may be asked to bring in items that go with a topic we are learning about.



Rest Period

We will have a rest time during the first quarter. This may switch to quiet activities depending upon the needs of the class.



Snack Time

Students will have a daily snack. Each child will have an opportunity to bring in a class snack. You will receive a snack calendar each month. We encourage healthy snacks.



Breakfast/Lunch

Breakfast is available daily at school. Students may bring a lunch or purchase one from school. Please send in checks or money for the day/week/month/year in an envelope with your child's name on it. Please be specific and note exactly what the money is for (i.e. breakfast for the week, lunch for the month, ice cream today, etc.). You will be given a menu and price list prior to the beginning of the school year. Please note that free and reduced breakfast/lunch applications are available by contacting the Main Office at 962-8244.



Academics

Kindergarten is the beginning of your child's academic career at Westport Central. Using the Reading First model, your child will participate in a 90 minute reading block focused on hands-on, child centered activities. This allows children to see learning as enjoyable and provides a solid foundation for future success.



Parent Volunteers

Volunteers are a welcome addition to our school. If you are willing to assist in the classroom with projects or language arts activities, please let me know.



Donated Items

Throughout the year students will create several projects using various materials. If you would like to donate supplies for group use, the following is a suggested list: crayons, colored pencils, markers, glue sticks, yarn, popsicle sticks, cardboard tubes, glitter glue, glitter, #2 pencils, felt, index cards (all sizes), metal rings, cups and napkins.