

## WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN 2011 - 2012

Dear Parents,

This letter was prepared to answer your questions and explain our expectations

### **Birthdays**

Birthdays are important events in Kindergarten. We celebrate in several ways. The student may wear free dress, will receive a birthday pencil, certificate, and ice cream treat. (However, the family should not send in sweet treats; these will be reserved for special class parties.) He/she wears a birthday crown on his/her special day and is sung to at Morning Assembly.

Rather than families bringing in doughnuts or cupcakes for birthdays, we suggest that the child choose a favorite book (inexpensive) to donate to the classroom library. A donation form which states the child's name and birthday, the date, and the reason why the child likes the book will be attached to the inside cover of the book. The child will then be able to get up in front of the class on his/her birthday to present the book. This donation is completely optional. If the family does not wish to donate a book, we will simply skip that part of the birthday celebration.

### **Conferences**

We conference with everyone once during the school year. You may request an additional conference (in writing) whenever you like.

### **Snack Time**

We have a snack time every morning at about 10:00 a.m. Your child's snack must be in a separate bag (not part of the lunch or in the lunch box). Please limit snacks to nutritious foods only, no candy please.

### **Hot Lunch**

Special school-sponsored Hot Lunch will be every Wednesday unless otherwise notified, starting in late September or early October. In addition, we have enlisted the services of Pasta Market which offers Hot Lunches on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs. Schwoob walks the children through hot lunch everyday to oversee and help the children with the hot lunch process.

### **Miscellaneous**

Please make sure that your child's sweater, sweatshirts, jumpers, jackets, etc. are marked with their name in permanent ink.

### **Classroom Supplies Needed**

1 pillow with pillowcase - name in permanent ink

1 back pack with name in permanent ink Backpack large enough to hold a 10x13 Tuesday envelope (no rolling backpacks, please)

1 lunch box with the name in permanent ink

A donation of one box of graham (cinnamon O.K.), soda crackers or Cheez-its, one box of Kleenex, and one roll of paper towels is requested and greatly appreciated (approximately twice a year), two (2) packs of unscented baby wipes, and one (1) pack of antibacterial (i.e. Lysol wipes).

Additional supplies for classroom use will be purchased by teachers in order to insure uniformity. The cost will be added to the Book Fee which will be due in October.