

Dear Parents,

The beginning of a school year presents many new opportunities. The children will be making friends and exploring new ideas from the start. Needless to say, every day will be filled with opportunities for learning. Many things will be introduced slowly over the first six to eight weeks. Eventually, the children will be writing regularly. We will also spend a lot of time learning about letters and sounds. Daily, we will share stories and the children will be reading repetitive stories together in class. They are always excited to share newly acquired skills. At home, you can support the things your child is doing in school in many ways. The most important thing that you can do is to read to and with your child daily. Let your child see you read the newspaper, magazines, or novels.

As soon as the classroom routine is established, we will be sending home information about the daily schedule, homework, and kindergarten goals/expectations. Please watch for the newsletter that will be sent home weekly.

I hope you and your child can attend the new student open house on Tuesday September 1st from 1:15-2:15. Our classroom is located on the bottom floor. While our classroom is beautiful and has quite a bit of storage space, our cubbies are best suited to smaller backpacks, without wheels, if possible. Many classroom supplies will be provided. Supplies that would be helpful for each child to bring in are:

- 1 solid colored plastic 2 pocket folder
- 1 box of 24 color Crayola crayons
- 1 package of Elmer's glue sticks

At open house, every child will be able to get his/her "bus tag." Your child should have this tag attached to his/her backpack until September 11 to help the teachers and bus drivers. In the package of information, you will receive at the open house will be a list of important information called "Fridge Notes." This list will include prices for lunch and snack milk, our schedule for the specials as well as school and teacher contact information. If you are not able to attend the open house, your child will receive his/her bus tag on the first day of school and all information will be sent home.

When school begins, any parent that drives or walks a kindergartner to school can meet us on the hardtop where all the children gather. There will be a chair with a bee on it to mark the line that is ours. Many staff will be outside to assist you and the children in getting to the right lines. Children that ride the bus to school will be greeted by kindergarten staff as they exit and will be escorted to the lines. At dismissal, any child that will be picked up by a parent should plan on meeting your child in the cafeteria. There will be sign out sheets there, please make sure you sign out your child before you leave.

If you have any questions or concerns at any point in the school year, please call the school (516-6700) or email l.simko@dover.k12.nh.us.

Sincerely,

Lisa Simko