

Dear Parents:

Welcome to kindergarten! This is an exciting year in the life of your child. We have some recommendations to help make your child's kindergarten experience more successful. We believe that by doing the following things, your child will be better prepared for kindergarten.

- Read to your child every day. Use expression in your voice.
- Ask your child questions about the stories that you read to him or her.
- Make sure your child does not write in all capitals.
- Work with your child on letter recognition and the sounds that the letters make.
- Work on counting to at least 20 and writing numbers up to 20.
- If your child still takes naps, consider weaning your child from naps. We do not take naps in kindergarten.
- Work with your child on following two and three step directions.
- Make sure your child works on independence. He/she should be able to zip a coat, tie shoes, wipe after using the restroom, and most importantly, follow through with what you tell him/her to do.
- Your child also needs to know that it is not okay to interrupt while others are talking. Your child needs to be respectful.

Thanks in advance for your help, time, effort, and support in helping your child be better prepared for kindergarten. You are your child's first and most important teacher!

Sincerely,
The Kindergarten Teachers