

Dear Kindergarten Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Enchanted Lake Elementary School! The “first day of school” is a great milestone for your child and we understand that you and your child may have been looking forward to this day with excitement or apprehension (or a little of both). We hope that this letter will help you know what to expect in kindergarten this year and answer any questions you may have.

We believe that teachers and parents should work together to provide challenging and engaging learning experiences. This partnership will build children’s confidence and encourage them to continue to see learning as both enjoyable, useful and provide a strong foundation for their future intellectual, physical and social development.

#### Arrival/Dismissal

Students are expected to wait at the bench between the cafeteria and building A until the children are dismissed to go to the classroom. Parents should not escort their students to their classroom.. If you are picking up your child, kindergarteners will be escorted to the pickup in front of the cafeteria. Please support us in our efforts to keep the traffic flowing by circling around again or parking if your child is not out within a reasonable time.

#### News/Updates

The Take Home Tuesday Folders are sent home on Tuesdays and should be returned on Wednesday the following day.

#### Clothing/Shoes

All children are encouraged to dress themselves. Children should wear shoes and clothing that provide comfort and support for active play. **Slip on covered shoes or Velcro strap shoes should be worn if the child does not know how to tie shoelaces. Please send an extra set of clothes in a large clear zip lock bag labeled with your child’s name.** School t-shirts are recommended for field trips.

#### School Bags

Children should bring a backpack (with his or her name in permanent marker inside) large enough to fit letters, finished work and a large library book. Please check your child’s backpack daily.

#### Snacks/ Water bottles

**The amount of snacks should fit a snack size Ziploc bag.** Water bottles should be **labeled and easy** for the child to open, and needed on PE days.

### Library

When our library schedule has been finalized, children will be allowed to sign out a book per week. Please help your child to take care of these books and to return them on time.

### Birthdays

Please let the teacher know in advance if you would like to send a treat for the other students. If your child has birthday invitations, please have him/her give them to their teacher to distribute at the appropriate time.

### Correspondence

When sending any correspondence, please label them clearly, with your child's first and last name. **When sending money, please place the money in a sealed envelope with your child's name, amount of money, reason for money (t-shirt, field trip, lunch, etc.) and the teacher's name.**

### Attendance

In the event that your child will be absent from school, you are asked to **call the school** (808) 210-0400 to report the absence. All absences are reported on the report card as an absence whether they are excused or unexcused.

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead and hope to make your child's experience at school welcoming, fun, and full of learning. We would also like to suggest that you save this letter for future reference. Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. If you have any questions and concerns, please feel free to contact the school.

Sincerely, Kindergarten Teachers