

KINDERGARTEN WELCOME LETTER

THE RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL 2

DEAR FAMILIES,

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN! KINDERGARTEN IS AN EXCITING YEAR FULL OF LEARNING AND ADVENTURES. TOGETHER WE ARE GOING TO EXPAND OUR LOVE FOR READING, LEARN ABOUT THE WORLD AROUND US, AND EXPLORE MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS. IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO FEEL READY, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT THEIR FEELINGS, FOCUS ON SELF-HELP SKILLS, AND HELP THEM DEVELOP INDEPENDENCE AT HOME (PUTTING ON/TAKING OFF COATS, USING THE BATHROOM WITHOUT ASSISTANCE, WASHING HANDS, ETC).

OUR KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS WILL BE A PLACE WHERE EVERY CHILD BRINGS HIS OR HER UNIQUE QUALITIES, EXPERIENCES, AND STRENGTHS TO SHARE AND GROW TOGETHER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CREATING A POSITIVE, RESPECTFUL, AND ENRICHING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WITH YOUR CHILD. WE ARE ALSO VERY EXCITED TO CHALLENGE ALL OF OUR STUDENTS TO DO THEIR BEST AND DEVELOP A DEEP LOVE FOR LEARNING.

WE VALUE COMMUNICATION AND BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO YOUR CHILD'S GROWTH AND SUCCESS, BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM. WE ARE A TEAM WORKING TOWARDS THE SAME GOAL! WE ENCOURAGE ALL FAMILIES TO REGULARLY REINFORCE AND ENGAGE WITH LEARNING AT HOME. ATTACHED, YOU WILL FIND THE KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST AND READINESS CHECKLIST.

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO MEET ALL OF YOU!

**Warmly,
The Kindergarten Team**

SUPPLY LIST

4 PLASTIC 2 POCKET FOLDERS WITH CHILD'S NAME

(RED, YELLOW, BLUE, GREEN)

24 PACK OF BLACK EXPO MARKERS

1 BOX OF THICK PENCILS

1 BOX OF STANDARD PENCILS

24 PACK OF CRAYONS

24 PACK OF WASHABLE MARKERS

12 PACK OF GLUE STICKS

1 PACK OF 6 PLAY-DOHS

1 PACK OF ASTROBRIGHTS

1 PACK OF 4 ERASERS

HAND SANITIZER PACK OF 3

TISSUE BOX PACK OF 3

BABY WIPES PACK OF 4

CLOROX WIPES PACK OF 3

\$25 DUES IN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME

HEADPHONES WITH AUX TO CONNECT TO LAPTOP

ALL ITEMS WILL BE COMMUNAL EXCEPT:

FOLDERS, HEADPHONES, AND DUES MUST BE LABELED WITH NAME

KINDERGARTEN READINESS CHECKLIST

THIS LIST IDENTIFIES SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND BEHAVIORS THAT WILL HELP YOUR CHILD BE PREPARED FOR KINDERGARTEN. PLEASE USE IT AS A TOOL TO HELP YOUR CHILD MAKE THIS IMPORTANT TRANSITION.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- SEPARATES WILLINGLY FROM CAREGIVER TO ANOTHER TRUSTED ADULT
- SHARES, TAKES TURNS, AND PLAYS COOPERATIVELY WITH OTHER CHILDREN
- EXPRESSES BASIC EMOTIONS SUCH AS HAPPY, SAD, MAD, OR SCARED WITH WORDS
- RECOGNIZES SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES IN SELF AND OTHERS

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- USES A 3-POINT FINGER GRIP ON A PENCIL, CRAYON, OR PAINTBRUSH
- MAKES A VARIETY OF LINES AND SHAPES
- USES SCISSORS TO CORRECTLY CUT SIMPLE SHAPES AND PICTURES
- BUTTONS, ZIPS, AND LACES
- TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERSONAL SELF-CARE ROUTINES SUCH AS HAND WASHING, BRUSHING TEETH, DRESSING, AND TOILETING
- CAN EXPRESS HEALTH NEEDS SUCH AS, "I'M HUNGRY" OR "MY HEAD HURTS"

LITERACY SKILLS

- RECOGNIZES AND TRIES TO WRITE OWN NAME
- RECOGNIZES LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET BY NAME AND EVEN WHEN SEEN OUT OF ORDER
- WRITES CAPITAL LETTERS CORRECTLY, AND SOME LOWERCASE LETTERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN OWN NAME

MATH SKILLS

- COUNTS IN SEQUENCE FROM 1 TO 10
- RECOGNIZES NUMBERS FROM 1 TO 10 EVEN WHEN SEEN OUT OF ORDER
- COUNTS OBJECTS USING ONE NUMBER FOR EACH OBJECT
- RECOGNIZES AND NAMES SHAPES AND COLORS
- SORTS OBJECTS BY COLORS, SHAPES, AND SIZES