



Kindergarten Orientation



Welcome to MCES!

- Our goals for orientation:
 - To explain the nuts and bolts of Kindergarten
 - To share information on how you can help support your child's learning
 - To answer any questions you might have



How can I help my child prepare for Kindergarten?

o Reading

- o Read to your child everyday
- o Reinforce letter knowledge and sounds
- o Recognize environmental print
- o Print concepts (pointing to title, distinguish between a capital/lowercase letter, distinguish between a letter/word, Identify front and back cover, point to the words while being read the story).

o Writing

- o Write your first name (capitalize only the first letter in your name)
- o Write the alphabet (capital and lowercase)
- o Begin to phonetically spell words

o Math

- o Number sense
- o Practice counting
- o Basic shapes



Ways to Encourage your child to enjoy literacy

- Read to your child!!!!!!
- Discuss the books you read to your child and that your child reads to you.
- Model being a good reader and writer by letting your child see you read and write.
- Encourage your child to write (even if it is scribble writing and randomly written letters~which are the first stages of writing) AND let him/her read his/her writing to you. Encourage inventive spelling if your child is ready.
- Ask your child to locate certain letters/words in signs, billboards, posters, food containers, books, and magazines.



Conferences

- We will have conferences at the end of 1st and 3rd quarters.
- Interims will be given out at the five week mark of each quarter.
- Report cards will be given out at the end of each quarter.



Our School Wide Behavior Plan

S	Stays Safe
W	Works Hard
I	Is Respectful and Kind
M	Manages Actions



Daily Folders

- Daily folders will be sent home each day. Please review all contents and return daily. We will do the same. If you have notes, money, or important information to get to school, please send it inside of the folder so that we will receive it. Please do not ask your child to hand us notes and money. We will get these items out of his/her folder.



Tuesday Folders

- We use Tuesday folders for sending home student work. These folders are used for the entire year and should be sent back to school the following day.



Snack Time

- We have a snack time each day. Please send a small, healthy snack that can be consumed in 10-15 minutes. Great snacks to send in are fruit, granola bars, cheese and crackers, carrots, etc. If your child needs a utensil to eat his/her snack please make sure that you send one with the snack. Children are encouraged to bring water bottles and will have access to the classroom water fountain throughout the day. However, juice and other drinks are not permitted with snack as they cause stains and attract bugs.
- Please make sure that their snack is in a separate bag from their lunch box.



Get Involved!

- o Please plan to volunteer with your child's class. We need volunteers for field trips, small groups, specials helpers, field day, etc. The online volunteer registration process can take up to a few weeks for approval. Please plan on signing up within the first few weeks of school. We will contact you with volunteer approval status after the first six weeks of school.



Absences

- Make sure if your child is absent to call the front office. Please send a note or email the following day.
- Students can enter our classroom at 8:00. Our instructional day begins promptly at 8:30. Please make every effort to get your child here on time.



Transportation

- If you ever have to change your child's transportation, please send in a note or call the front office.
- Telling your child to tell us will not result in a change!
- Please do not use email for transportation changes. We do not always have access to our e-mail during the school day.



Staggered Entry

- o Your child will come in on their assigned staggered entry day (you should have received this information in the mail at this point).
- o Please make sure to send your child with a towel, small healthy snack, lunch money/lunchbox, and a backpack.



Questions? Please ask!

Thank you for coming, and we will see you in July!