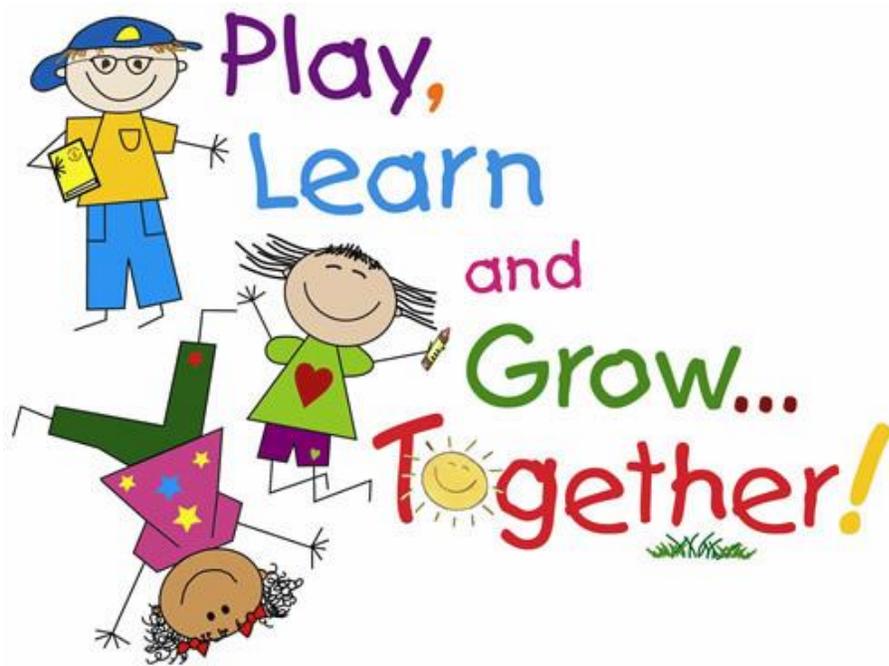


Kindergarten Handbook 2022-2023



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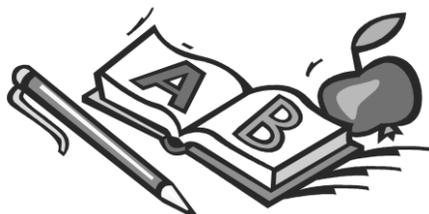
Prepared for Parents by: The Kindergarten Teachers

Introduction

The Kindergarten Handbook has been created to acquaint you with the major components of our program. Please keep this as a reference guide for the entire school year.

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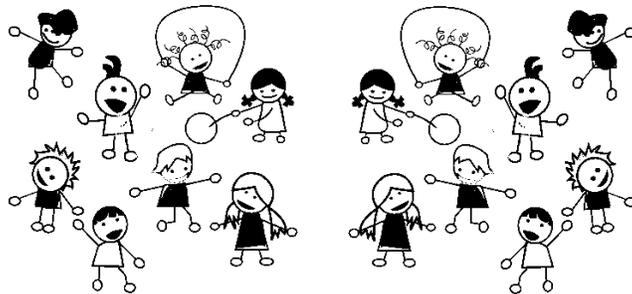
Mission of our Kindergarten Program

We want to welcome you and your child to kindergarten at Maxine Johnson Elementary School. We are looking forward to an exciting year of new experiences and lots of fun! The goal of our program is to meet your child's needs not only intellectually, but also physically, socially, and emotionally.

It is during the first years of life that children form attitudes about themselves, others, learning and the environment. These attitudes last a lifetime, so we work hard to make our classrooms a positive, encouraging and fun place to be. We want our students to feel safe, valued and successful. We encourage a love for learning and freedom in that learning to make mistakes, because sometimes the greatest lessons come from our mistakes.

Valuing education and the opportunities it provides is essential to your child's success. Volunteering in the classroom and participating in our PIT program are excellent ways you can become involved. We are hopeful that you will find time to participate in some of our school activities.

Going to school is one of the most important parts of a child's life. School can be an exciting place where children meet new and different people and participate in many new and different experiences. We promise to work diligently to provide the children with wonderful experiences that help them to feel good about themselves and their school.



Communication



Contacting the Office:

School Phone Number: 208-779-4069

Website: www.parmaschools.org

Ms. Stevens email: sstevens@parmaschools.org

Kindergarten Phone Numbers:

We do not have phones in the individual kindergarten classrooms.

If you need to contact your child's teacher, please send an email, a message on REMIND or call the school office and leave a message. Your child's teacher will contact you as soon as possible.

Email Addresses:

Ms. Fogg: rfogg@parmaschools.org

Mrs. Corner: scorner@parmaschools.org

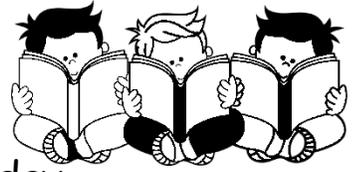
Mrs. Ormsby: rormsby@parmaschools.org

Ms. Harper: mharper@parmaschools.org

Notes:

Please place any notes you have for your child's teacher in his/her take-home folder. The teacher will check this folder daily. If the teacher has a note for you, she will place it in this folder. Please take time to check this folder each day and make sure it returns to school the next day. Notes from the office and any make-up work will also be placed in this folder.

Helpful Reminders for School



School hours: 8:00am - 3-25 p.m. Monday - Thursday

Clothing: Please do not send your child to school in something that can't get dirty. Also, please make sure your child is wearing weather appropriate clothing. If he/she is in need of a warm jacket, please see his/her teacher. We do have recess daily so please send your child in shoes that are appropriate for the playground.

Illnesses: When your child is ill, please call the school office at **779-4069** and report your child's absence. If your child becomes ill at school, he/she will be sent to the office and you or one of the names listed on the emergency card will be contacted. Please notify us **immediately** if any contact numbers change.

Medication: Teachers are not permitted to administer medications to students. If your child needs medicine at school, please contact **Mrs. Barroso**, our school nurse at **779-4069**.

Injury: If your child is injured at school and the injury is serious or questionable, you will be notified. If he/she falls and skins his/her knee etc., we will treat the injury and you will not be notified. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the school nurse.

Birthdays: Your child's teacher will inform you of the procedures for birthdays in her individual room after school begins. **Please do not send birthday invitations to school unless you include one for each child.**

Transportation

Walkers: Please make sure your child does not arrive before 7:45AM because teachers are not scheduled for duty before that time. At the end of the day (3:25 p.m.) your child will be taken by a teacher to the trees in front of the school to be picked up by a responsible adult or sibling. If no one is there to pick up your child, he/she will be taken to the office.

Car Riders: Children may be dropped off at the lunchroom and come in the doors near the crosswalk. **Please make sure your child does not arrive before 7:45 AM** because teachers are not scheduled for duty before that time. At the end of the day (3:25 p.m.) your child will be taken by a teacher to the Kindergarten car pick-up line which is outside the kindergarten wing doors, near the tennis courts. (Grades 1-4 pick up line runs in front of the school near the yellow/tan gym.) Please line up along the parking places and remain in your car. A teacher will bring your child directly to your car. If no one is there to pick up your child, he/she will be taken to the office. **For safety reasons, car pick-ups are not permitted at the trees in front of the school.**

Bus Riders: Please check with the bus barn to find out the specific times your child will be picked up and dropped off from his/her designated bus stop. When your child is dropped off at school, he/she will proceed directly the cafeteria or the playground. At the end of the day your child will be taken by a teacher to his/her bus.



Going Home a Different Way: If your child needs to go home a different way than you have arranged with the school, we must have a written note or you must call the school office (779-4069) to notify us about the change. For safety reasons, **your child will not be sent home a different way without this notification.** Please do not ask your child to give his/her teacher a verbal message about going home a different way. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.



Kindergarten School Supply List



Please bring the following items to Open House the day before school begins. Be sure to put your child's name on the indicated items. All other items will be community supplies and do not need to be labeled.

- 4 Boxes of regular size 24 Count Crayola Crayons** (please do not send Fat Crayons, glitter crayons or twist crayons). Please label the boxes, not each individual crayon.
- 8 Glue Sticks** (prefer small, purple disappearing glue sticks)
- 1 5"x9" Plastic Pencil Box with attached lid** - please label with your child's name.
- 1 Large Back Pack** (NOT drawstring bag) - it should be able to hold at least a 10"x14" piece of paper and a library book - please label with your child's name.
- 2 Heavy-Duty Portfolio Folders** with inside bottom pockets- no prongs - please label with your child's name.
- 1 Pink Pearl Eraser**
- 2 Boxes of Washable Markers** - please label with your child's name.

The following items are recommended and regularly used in the classroom:

- 3 Large Containers of Clorox Wipes**
- 1 Ream of White Copy Paper**
- 3 boxes of Kleenex**



Alphabet Practice

Directions: Trace the letters in the direction of the arrows.

