

Welcome to Kindergarten!

I have always wanted to be a teacher. I promise you every day your kinder will learn something. Some days they'll bring it home in their hands. Some days they'll bring it home in their heads. And some days they'll bring it home in their hearts. Please feel free to contact me throughout the school either by phone 616-797-9797 ext: 2112 or by email kbohl@hpseagles.net

Classroom Community

My goal in the classroom is to win the kinders' hearts and lead them to their personal best. To increase the understanding of our classroom needs, the kinders work together to answer the following questions: How do you want to be treated by the teacher? How do you want to be treated by each other? How do you think your teacher wants to be treated by you? How do you want to treat each other when there is conflict? The kinders reflect on these questions to create a set of classroom promises. The classroom promises are reinforced throughout the year by the kinders holding each other accountable and providing feedback on how we are doing as a group. Questions used by the class to hold each other responsible include: What are you doing? What are you suppose to be doing? Were you doing it? What are you going to do about it? In our classroom community we will build meaningful relationships and hold each other accountable to our personal best.



Backpack Snack

The kinders will be having 2 snacks a day, one in the a.m. and one in the p.m. Please be sure to pack a snack daily for your kinder, **NO CANDY FOR SNACK PLEASE...**so please pack small healthy, nut free snacks (crackers, fruit snacks, raisins, grapes, carrots, pretzels, animal crackers, trail mix, etc) that can be eaten quickly inside your kinders's backpack. Think "easy and simple". Please **do not place your kinders's backpack snack inside their lunch box....**I do not want them to confuse this quick snack time with lunch. Instead, decide together (you and your kinder)

which small pocket on their backpack will contain their backpack snack. It may be helpful to decide together the snacks you pack so they are aware of the choices, your expectations and where their snack is located.



Drinks

The kinders will be able to get a drink from our two drinking fountains inside the room or they may take a water bottle from home. **No juice boxes will be allowed at this time...**save them for lunch if your kinder would like one. Thanks!



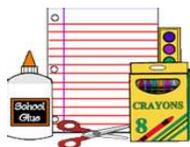
Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays is a special day for your kinder at school. If your kinder wishes, he/she may bring in a treat for the class. They will have an opportunity to pass out their non-edible treat at the end of the day (pencils, stickers, etc) **NO FOOD TREATS WILL BE ALLOWED DUE TO SCHOOL ALLERGIES.** Please check the blog under **SCHEDULES** to see when we will be celebrating your kinder's birthday.



Kool Kinder

Your kinder will have the opportunity to be the Kool Kinder (special child of the day) many times throughout the school year. Each time holds different activities for your kinder so that we can get to know them better. Please check the blog under **SCHEDULES** to see when your kinder is scheduled to be the Kool Kinder for the first time. Future times will be decided later in the school year.



School Supplies

Please have your kinder bring to school with them a **backpack** large enough to hold their homework folder (9x12) & snow clothes in the winter, a **lunch box and water bottle/thermos** if they will be having home lunch, clean, not need to be need, **tennis shoes** to be worn during gym

class (the shoes will stay inside their cubbies), 2-4 large of glue sticks,
one 70 ct spiral notebook and a hinged pencil box.



Wish List

If you would like to donate any of the following items to be used when we create art projects and more at school, it would be appreciated. Thanks so much. *white lunch bags, *zip lock baggies (snack, sandwich, quart, gallon), *disinfecting wipes *paper plates (large & small) *wipe-off markers *do-a-dot markers *hand sanitizer *baby hand wipes. See the blog posting called "School Supplies for Kindergarten" for more ideas.



Bathroom Tips

Please encourage and practice with your kinder their role in using the restroom. We are not able to help them in the restroom, nor are we equipped to change pull-ups. This is for the safety and success of your kinder.



Handwriting

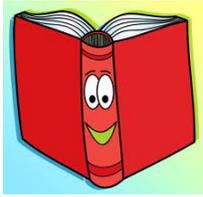
We will be using the Peterson Directed Handwriting program. This program focuses on smooth, rhythmic motion with verbal prompts to improve attention span, motor skills, muscle memory and ultimately handwriting fluency. **Names are printed with only first letter capital and the rest of the letters lowercase.**



Math and Literacy Homework

Homework in kindergarten corresponds to activities and concepts that your kinder is learning at school. They are designed for you to do with your kinder at home. Math and literacy homework will be sent

home weekly.



TAKE-HOME books

Our TAKE-HOME reading program encourages the kinders to become readers. They will have the opportunity to take home a book that is "a good fit for them" to read overnight and then they will read that same book to a volunteer at school. This program typically begins after Christmas vacation. More information on how you can be involved will be sent home later in the year.



Lunch

The kinders will be eating their lunch in the multipurpose room at school. They will be supervised by lunch aides (who are Moms themselves) and will assist the kinders in opening their drinks, containers, and encouraging them to eat their lunch. Please talk with your kinder each morning so that they know what they will be having for lunch that day (hot lunch---blue or white, home lunch, milk (choc/white) from school) It takes a few weeks for the kinders to feel comfortable eating at school so please pack their favorite foods to make this transition easier for them. For more information about the hot lunch program and monthly menus, please check out their website at www.jenhudfood.org

Specials Schedule

We follow a four-day rotation for specials. Our pattern is: ART (day1), STEAM (day2), GYM (day3) and MUSIC (day4). See our specials schedule under the "Calendar Tab" on the blog. Our library day is still being determined.

Label All Items

Please remember to label all clothing, backpacks, lunch boxes, etc... Things

get misplaced and it is much easier to locate them if your kinder's name is on his/her personal items.



EXTRA INFORMATION

****REPORT CARDS AND CONFERENCES ***** Your kinder's progress will be discussed during conferences twice a year. If there is a problem or concern before then, please contact me. Report cards will be sent out two times.

****NO TOYS ***** Please do not allow your kinder to bring **ANY** toys from home to school. This ensures there will be no broken or lost toys here. Thanks for your reinforcement.

****COMMUNICATION ***** Your kinder will have Daily Homework folder for all notes and mail to go home in everyday. This is also where you put any notes for me. Please make sure your kinder brings his/her folder **EVERYDAY**, and has a parent check it **EVERYDAY**. If you have a question or concern that needs immediate attention, please don't hesitate to email or phone me.

****VOLUNTEERS ***** We need many volunteers in kindergarten whether it be for parties, centers or help with projects at home. Please complete the kindergarten survey that was given to you during my home visit.

As we all know, time flies by! Enjoy this first year of school with your little one. You will be amazed at how much they change and grow during the year. You have entrusted your kinder to me and I will do my very best to make this year a wonderful experience for your kinder. I thank you for sharing your kinder with me. Thanks for everything you do at home to encourage your kinder this school year. We will be working as partners this year and I appreciate all your help and support. PLEASE feel free to contact me at ANYTIME!!! No question is a silly question...if you are unsure, have a question or a concern, please send me an email at kbohl@hpseagles.net. I'm looking forward to a great year!

Blessings,
Mrs. Bohl

