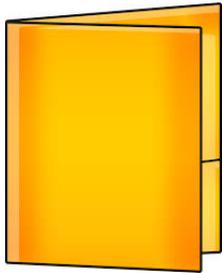


## Welcome to Kindergarten!

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 by email [kbohl@hpseagles.net](mailto:kbohl@hpseagles.net)



### Communication



Your child will have a blue Daily folder (folder they will receive at open house) for all notes and mail to go home in every day. 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 do not hesitate to email or call me.

### 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. I will also have graham crackers available for any forgotten snack days. If our classroom has a peanut allergy then we will be changing our snack options. I will let you all know as soon as I know of any food allergies.

### **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.



## **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. This is

a school wide policy. Please check the blog under SCHEDULES or refer to the schedule sent home 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, water bottle, tennis shoes to be worn during gym class (the shoes will stay inside their cubbies) velcro is helpful for your kinder to be independent, 2-4 large of glue sticks, one 70 ct spiral notebook and one inch white binder.



## **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. We have a restroom in our classroom so the binders will be allowed to use the bathroom when needed. Our goal over the year is to help them learn appropriate times to use the bathroom. We will also have access to a bathroom just down the hall from our classroom. The bathroom in the hallway has a urinal, this is often a “new” way for little guys to use the bathroom. Any practicing with this type of bathroom is greatly appreciated. In the classroom, I ask the kinders to hold up a fist if they need to use the restroom. This is a quiet signal which limits interruptions. My rule is if they have to go...then I let them go.



## **Handwriting**

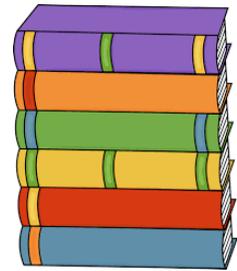
We will be using the Peterson Directed Handwriting program. This program focuses on smooth, rhythmic motion with verbal prompts to improve attention span, motor skills, muscle memory and ultimately handwriting fluency. Names are printed with only first letter capital and the rest of the letters lowercase.

## **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 and is due a week from when it is given. Our homework is intended to be easy and is associated with our weeks math concepts the kinders have practiced already.

## **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 will begin later in the school 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](http://www.jenhudfood.org)

## **Daily Schedule**

School starts at 8:45am. We follow a four-day rotation for specials. Our pattern is: ART (day1), STEAM (day2), MUSIC (day3) and GYM (day4). Our library day is on Wednesday. Recess is from 10:15-10:30, 11:40-11:55 and 3:15-3:30. Lunch is from 12:00-12:20pm. Dismissal at 3:45pm. Our early release days dismissal is at 12:15pm. No lunch is served on early dismissal days. Sack

lunches are available upon ordering. Please email me the day before if you would like to order a sack lunch for your child.

### **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.

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](mailto:kbohl@hpseagles.net). I'm looking forward to a great year!

Warmly, Mrs. Bohl