



August 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten! I am so excited to be your child's Kindergarten teacher! I cannot wait to meet you and your child. I hope you are spending some peaceful time having fun with people you love before we get started for the school year.

Below is some information about some of the routines we will follow this year.

- **Take Home Folder-** This will be how we share information between school and home. It should be emptied each night (ideally with your child) and returned to school each day. It is helpful to have a routine for reviewing the folder contents, a spot to save notices and to return the folder to the backpack before bed. (Trust me, I know, running around in the morning looking for that folder is stressful!). You can communicate with us in the classroom by putting a note in the folder. I also use a texting App I will share with you at our meet and greet.
- **Lunch-** This is a very exciting part of the kindergarten day (for the teacher too; I love food!). Throughout the year your child can bring in a lunch from home or buy it from the cafeteria. **On the first days of school I strongly recommend sending your child to school with a lunch from home as we help them learn new routines.** Students will have a lunch account where you can easily add funds with checks from home. Checks are to be made out to *Arlington School Lunch Fund* and can be transported in the take home folder. Students will have a lunch PIN number to learn (same as their ID). We will review all of this with them and with you as well. No worries! :)
- **Snack-** We will have time for a healthy snack each day. Water with a sports top (labeled) is easiest to prevent spills. **Packing the snack in a separate bag or location in the back pack prevents the snack from accidentally being eaten during lunch.**

- **Supplies-** Please see the General Kindergarten Supply List. I am also asking to add the following:
  - Smock (a large old t-shirt labeled with your child's name is easier than a plastic one that looks cute but can be hard to get on)
  - A small hard plastic pencil case

Feel free to bring supplies in (in a labeled bag) at the Kindergarten Open House or send it in with your child on the first day.

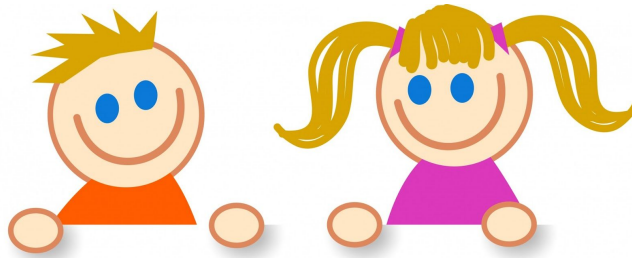
- **Kindergarten Open House is Tuesday September 3rd from 1:30-2:30.** This is an opportunity for you and your child to see our classroom and meet some friends.
- **Curriculum Night for Kindergarten is September 9th at 6:00 pm.** This is a time just for parents. We will work through what kindergarten is all about and I will be able to answer questions.

I am really looking forward to a wonderful school year. If you have a quick question or concern, feel free to reach out to me by e-mail at [mmalkischer@acsdny.org](mailto:mmalkischer@acsdny.org). Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Fondly,

Michelle Malkischer

PS- Please read aloud the attached letter from me, to your kindergartener. Thank you!



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Dear New Friend,

I am so excited to hear you are going to be in my kindergarten class! How wonderful! I wanted to tell you a little about myself. I have been a teacher for a long time. I am a mom to 3 kids, 2 dogs and a big orange cat. I love to be outside in the summer. I also LOVE to read. This summer I have been enjoying books about Pete the Cat and Elephant and Piggie. I can't wait to share them with you! I also wanted to tell you a little secret. Although I can't wait for school to start, sometimes on the first day I get a little nervous. If this happens to you too, that's ok, we can help each other. A smile or a handshake from a new friend helps me a lot!

Enjoy the end of summer and I can't wait to meet you!

Love,

Mrs. Malkischer