

The ABC's of Kindergarten

A-Attendance

Please take special note of the attendance policy in the student handbook. If your child happens to be absent, please, write a note with the date and reason for absence to send in the next day.

B-Backpacks

Each child will need a backpack to carry home his/her papers and belongings. No rolling backpacks are allowed. Please make sure the backpack is big enough to carry a homework folder and a jacket in the winter time.

C-Car Riders

If you drop off your child in the morning, please be mindful that the doors do not open until 7:45. Your child must be in the classroom by 8:30. If they arrive after this time they will be counted tardy. Please sign them in at the office. In the afternoon, you must have your carpool number. Otherwise, you must go to the office and show your ID in order to pick up your child.

D-Dojo

Russell school-wide communication will be through Dojo. This is a way to communicate with your teacher as well as being informed of school events. Please join your child's class Dojo. Invitations will be coming soon.

E-Email

A great way to keep in touch with me is through e-mail or Dojo.

F-Folders

Your child will have a Kindergarten communication folder that will go home daily. Please send notes and money in this folder.

G-Grading

Every 9 weeks your child will receive a record of progress. This record of progress is based on kindergarten state standards and will be on-going throughout the year.

H-Homework

Homework is reading with your child or allowing your child to read to you.

I-Illness

Your child has to be fever-free, without medicine for 24 hours before returning to school.

J-Jacket

Please allow your child to bring a lightweight jacket to school. Write their name on the tag.

K-Kindness

Students in our classroom are encouraged and expected to treat all members of our class as well as others with kindness and respect.

L-Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are free. You may send money in with your child in order to purchase snacks (they range from 50 cents-\$1.00).

M-Music

Your child will go to either art, music or PE every day.

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N-Notes

Dojo is a great place to communicate with teachers. Please send in written notes for absences.

O-Outside

We will be going outside for recess daily (weather permitting). Please dress your child accordingly.

P-Parties

If you would like to send in a treat for your child's birthday, we will enjoy it while we celebrate them during snack time.

Q-Questions

If you have any questions please feel free to send your child's teacher a message on Dojo. Your teacher is available for conferences. If you need one, please contact her to set up a time and date.

R-Reading

Reading to and with your child is one of the greatest indicators of success in kindergarten. We will send home reading logs to document the reading you do with your child. At the end of the year, we will celebrate with the students who have met their goal.

S-Snacks

We will have snack time every day during our break time. You may send in a snack with your child. Please no carbonated drinks or candy.

T-Toys

Children are NOT allowed to bring toys from home. They are distracting. I cannot be responsible for broken toys or hurt feelings caused by them.

U-Unique

Every child is unique. We will work hard to help your child learn in their unique way.

V-Volunteers

If you choose to volunteer, please be aware that you will be required to have a background check. Please ask office for details.

W-Words

Your child will learn 3-4 snap words (sight words) per week. Please review these words with your child. Please ask your child's teacher for fun ways to practice these words at home.

X-Extra Clothes

It is very important that you send an extra set of clothes in case of a bathroom accident, messy spill or wet and muddy playgrounds. These clothes will stay in your child's backpack since we do not have space at school to store them.

Y-You

You are important in your child's education. We are a team and together we will help your child be successful.

Z-ZZZs!

Make sure that your child gets plenty of rest! A kindergarten room is a busy place and you will probably find your child exhausted at the end of the day. Setting and keeping a bedtime is a wonderful gift you can give your child. It will help them to be alert and ready to learn each day!