

ABC's of Kindergarten

Ferndale Area Elementary
School

Aa

Art Class - Your child will attend Art Class with Mrs. Sendek.

Attendance - It is very important that your child is in school on a regular basis. Most lessons in kindergarten are done through games and hands on activities and can not be sent home to complete.

Please call the elementary office if your child is ill and will not be in school. Upon your child's return to school, please provide a written excuse.

Bb

Bathroom - Students are expected to manage in the bathroom by themselves. Please dress your child in clothes that are easy to manipulate. We understand that occasionally students need help with buttons or snaps, but overall, your child should be able to dress himself/herself independently.

Birthdays - Celebrating birthdays is optional. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school, you may purchase treats through the cafeteria. Please contact Mrs. McGough, Food Service Director, at least 1 week in advance to make arrangements. If you plan to send in treats from home, you must follow the new school food policy.

Book bags - Your child needs to bring a book bag to school that is large enough to carry folders, papers and library books. Please check your child's book bag daily.

Breakfast - Students have the option of eating breakfast at home or at school. Breakfast is served at school from 8:00 - 8:25 AM.

If you are driving your child to school, please drop him/her off no later than 8:15 so that he/she has enough time to eat before school starts.

Busses - Students are expected to follow the district bus policy. Kindergarten students must have an adult at the bus stop when dropped off at the end of the day. Your child will be brought back to the school if an adult is not at the bus stop. Please contact the school with any bus changes for the day.

Cc

Cafeteria - Breakfast and lunch menus will be sent home monthly and can also be located on the district website.

If you would like to apply for free or reduced meals, please return the application form that is in your orientation packet as soon as possible.

Please always send in breakfast/lunch money in a labeled envelope. Please include your child's first and last name, grade level and write "cafeteria money" on the front of the envelope. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to "Ferndale Area Cafeteria." Any money that you send in will be credited into your child's cafeteria account.

Please contact Mrs. Lori McGough, Food Service Director, with any questions about the cafeteria.

Clothing - Please send in an extra set of clothes. This should include a shirt, pants, underwear and socks. These clothes will be kept at school to use in case your child has an accident or spills something on his/her clothing. Please label your child's clothing.

Communication - Your child will bring home a communication folder daily. This folder will be the main form of communication between home and school. Please check your child's folder every day to see if any notes were sent home by your child's teacher or the school. Please return the folder the following school day. When sending in notes or money, please place them in your child's folder so that we can easily find them.

Communication is also done through email, telephone and scheduled conferences.

Computer Class - Your child will attend computer class with Mr. Burket.

Dd

Directory - Each kindergarten teacher will be assembling a class directory in a few weeks. It will contain information that you can use to contact your child's classmates and families. A form will be sent home in September for you to complete if you would like your child to be listed in the directory.

Drop Offs - If you are driving your child to school, please drop him/her off at the main entrance between 8:00 - 8:30 AM. Students that want to eat breakfast should be here by 8:15 so that they have time to eat before the school day begins. Students that arrive after 8:30 will be marked tardy.

Ee - Email

Please feel free to contact us by email. If it is urgent, however, please call the office because often teachers do not have time to check their email until after school.

Mrs. Burkett, Kindergarten Teacher MBurkett@fasdk12.org

Mrs. Rigby, Kindergarten Teacher KRigby@fasdk12.org

Miss Schmidt, Kindergarten Teacher ASchmidt@fasdk12.org

Other staff email addresses can be found on the district website www.fasdk12.org

Ff

Ferndale Area Elementary School - "Big Enough to Challenge, Small Enough to Care."

Gg

Guidance Counselor - Mrs. Bremer is our school Guidance Counselor. Please contact her if you have any questions or concerns that you feel she could assist you with.

Hh

Homework - Students receive very little formal homework in kindergarten. Any homework your child does have, will be brought home in his/her communication folder. This usually consists of reading books.

Ii

Invitations - Students are not permitted to distribute birthday or party invitations at school.

Jj

Joining - Please consider joining our school PTO.

Kk

Kindergarten - Kindergarten is the place to be!!!!

Ll

Library - Your child will attend Library Class with Mrs. Barton.

Students are expected to take good care of their library books. You will be billed for any lost or damaged books.

Lunch - The kindergarten/ first grade lunch period is from 10:50-11:20.

Your child may pack or buy lunch. If your child packs his/her lunch, he/she has the option to purchase milk.

You are permitted to visit the school to eat lunch with your child. 24 hour notice is required. It is recommended that you not eat lunch with your child during the first month of school.

Mm

Money - When sending money to school, please send it in an envelope with your child's first and last name, grade level and list what the money is to be used for (lunch money, picture money, fundraiser money etc...).

Music Class - Your child will attend Music Class with Mrs. Vukovich.

Nn

Nurse - Please contact Mrs. Virgin, our school nurse, with question or concerns regarding your child's health.

Oo

Office - The Ferndale Area Elementary office is usually open from 7:45 AM - 3:30 PM Monday-Friday.

Pp

Physical Education - Your child will attend Physical Education (PE Class) with Mrs. Babik. Students must wear sneakers in order to participate in PE. Students are not permitted to participate in PE if they are wearing sandals, dress shoes or boots. Your child is permitted to keep sneakers at school to change into for PE class if they are capable of putting them on themselves and are able to tie their own laces.

Playground - Weather permitting, your child will have the opportunity to play on the playground for approximately 20 minutes each day.

Qq

Quiet Time - We have 20-25 minutes of quiet time each day.

Rr

Report Cards - Report Cards will be distributed in December, March and on the last day of school.

Ss

Special Classes - Your child will attend one special class each day (PE, Music, Computer, Art or Library). The school follows a six day special class schedule (Day A-F). Please follow the special class schedule included in the orientation packet.

Students do not attend special classes on 2 hour early dismissal days. Students will, however, attend special classes on days when we have a 2 hour delay due to weather.

Snack - Through a grant, students are given fresh fruit or vegetable snacks 3 days a week.

Supplies - The school district provides crayons, pencils, paper, and other basic supplies. You do not need to send these items to school. Besides a book bag, we do not require families to send in any school supplies, however, tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, markers and extra glue sticks are always appreciated.

T

Telephone Numbers - Please feel free to contact us by telephone. The best time to reach us is from 3:10-3:30. If you call during other times in the day and we are unable to take your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Elementary Office - 535-6724

Toys - Students are not permitted to bring toys or electronics to school. Please keep them at home unless a note is sent home requesting them for a special activity.

Uu

Update - Please keep the school updated on changes such as new telephone numbers, email, emergency contacts etc...

Vv

Vacations - Please call the school if your child will be missing school due to a planned vacation. You will need to fill out a vacation request form at least 1 week in advance of the trip.

Ww

Website - Please check the district website www.fasdk12.org for important information.

Xx

eXtra & eXciting - Kindergarten is an eXtra special year. Your child will learn so many new and eXciting things!

Yy

You - YOU are your child's first and most important teacher. We look forward to working with you to make kindergarten a positive and productive year for your child.

Zz

"Zzzzzzzzzz" - Please make sure your child gets plenty of "Zzzzzzzzz's." We encourage you to establish a set bedtime so that your child is well rested and ready to learn each day. Kindergarten students need approximately 10-11 hours of sleep each night.