



North Park Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of the Kindergarten Class of 2020/2021:

It is with delight that we welcome your child to kindergarten here at North Park. Your child's teacher and room number will be listed at the bottom of this letter. Kindergarten classes will begin on September 14, 2020. Other grades will start the week of the 21st to give the kindergarten students some time to acclimate to their new classroom and surroundings. Please refer to our website (www.hpcsd.org) for up-to-date information on any changes that may be necessary to starting the new school year.

Kindergarten is a fun, exciting, and challenging time for you and your child. Our kindergarten program is geared to help children make the adjustment to the school environment, develop friendships with their peers, and encourage a lifelong love of learning.

In order to better understand your child's strengths and needs, we will be conducting our annual kindergarten screening once the school year begins. Your child may or may not be screened by his or her own kindergarten teacher as our reading teachers participate in the screening process as well.

The school day begins at 9:10 a.m. Students arriving after 9:25 will be considered tardy. Dismissal is 2:40 p.m. If you are picking your student up at the end of the day, you should come to the south door of the building nearest the parent parking area no earlier than 2:30 p.m. ANYONE PICKING UP A CHILD MUST BE PREPARED TO SHOW A VALID PHOTO I.D. AT ALL TIMES.

As part of our plan to help the children adjust to their new school, we have put a few things in place. The PTA has purchased t-shirts for each kindergarten student. The shirts are color coded by teacher, and we urge you to have your child wear the shirt on the first days of school. Not only does this assist us with guiding your child to his/her class on the first days, it also helps the children begin to form a connection with their classmates. We will also provide your kindergarten student with a "luggage tag" showing your child's name, his/her teacher's name, and their bus routes to and from school. Shirts and luggage tags will be given to each student in the classroom on the first day of school.

You will receive bus route information from our Transportation Department at the end of August. If you need your student to take a bus to a day care facility at the end of the day or if you are picking your child up rather than have them take their regular bus home, you need to send your child in with a note telling us their go-home routine is different.

Attached to this letter you will find a supply list requested by your child's teacher. Any item listed as a "wish" is not required but is a welcomed contribution to the class. This list is also posted on the school's website (www.hpcsd.org/NPE).

For your convenience, if you would like to drop off school supplies so that your child does not have to carry them on the bus the first day of school, you are welcome to drop the supplies off on September 3rd or 4th between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Supplies should be marked with the name and teacher of the student. There will be tables available outside the front doors where you can leave your child's supplies. Unfortunately, current restrictions prevent us from letting anyone into the building.

I am looking forward to meeting your child and am so excited to be part of the team providing an excellent education for your kindergartener! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the office or email me at lynnettewilliams@hpcsd.org.

Sincerely,

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