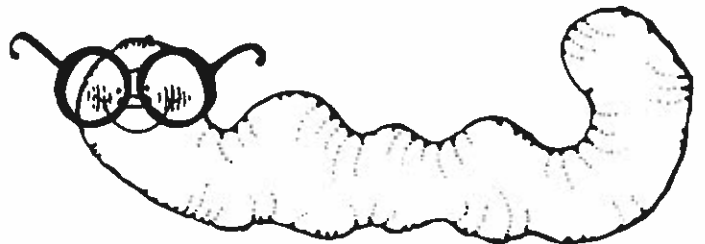


Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Below we have listed some introduction skills for you to work on with your child before beginning in the fall. If your child has mastered these concepts, CONGRATULATIONS! They are ready to begin in the fall. If your child has not yet mastered these skills, don't delay, summer is a good time to start. Your child will greatly benefit from the one on one guidance. We appreciate your support.

Beginning Kindergarten Skills

- Print first name (first letter uppercase followed by lowercase letters)
- Know their last name
- Recognize all upper and lower case letters
- Identify 10 colors:
red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, black, brown, pink, white
- Identify numbers 1-10
- Count number sets of 2, 4, 8, 10
- Identify five 2D shapes (rectangle, triangle, square, circle, hexagon)
- Count to 20



Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation! Thank you for joining us this evening. Your child will be assigned to a specific classroom and teacher, however we work as a grade level team. We have a lot of information to give you in this short hour, so we thought these notes might be helpful for you to refer to as we get closer to the beginning of the school year.

CLASS HOURS:

AM Kindergarten 8:15-11:45 (M, T, Th, F) 8:15-11:00 (W)

PM Kindergarten 11:45-3:15 (M, T, Th, F) 11:00-1:45 (W)

Classroom doors will be open 15 minutes prior to the start of class for the morning class and 10 minutes prior to class for the afternoon class. Please note, faculty meetings are normally held on Tuesday mornings, therefore, the teacher may not open the door until just before the first bell.

ATTENDANCE:

Students should be ready to start their day on time. They will be sent to the office for a tardy slip if they are more than 5 minutes late. If your child will be out, please call the office to report their absence each day (327-7100). If your child will be out for 5 or more days, please give your child's teacher at least 2 weeks advance notice, if possible, to give us time to prepare an independent study work packet.

DISMISSAL:

We ask that you wait for your child outside the kindergarten playground. The teacher will walk all children who are riding busses/vans and "pick-up" students out to this area at dismissal time. We ask that you help your child get into the habit of saying good-bye to their teacher with eye contact. Saying, "Good-bye, _____" and they get a response back. This is very helpful for the teachers to get to know who is picking up your child on a daily basis. If your child will be attending Campus Club, they will be picked up by Campus Club personnel. If your child will be going home with someone different than normal, please send a note to your child's teacher.

BUS RIDERS:

We will have bus schedules for you when you join us on "Welcome to Kindergarten" in August. We recommend that if your child is going to ride the bus, they start the first day of school. This is the best time for the bus driver to get to know your child and their stop location.

MICKEY NAME TAGS:

We will prepare a name tag for your child to wear the first week of school. These will be available at "Welcome to Kindergarten" that we have planned for in August. At this time, we will help you fill out the important information of your child's transportation after dismissal. Please help your child remember to wear the name-tag everyday the first week of school. This is a great tool for the teachers to use to become familiar with your child's everyday schedule.

BACKPACKS:

Your child should have a backpack that can fit a pocket folder without folding it. It should also be able to hold a small snack or lunch (if they are going to Campus Club). Please help your child practice getting things in and out of the backpack by themselves. Be sure to also label their backpack.

SUPPLIES:

Other than a sack or lunch bag (to hold a snack) and a large backpack, please do not spend a lot of money on school supplies for the classroom (like crayons, paper, pencils, etc.) When we return in August, we will have a sign up of needed supplies that we consistently use but can not get through our warehouse orders. We'd appreciate it if you could help us supply these items for the classroom. Each class will also have a wish basket that will have suggested supplies needed for the class. Thanks in advance for your support!

FILM DEVELOPING:

Some of you may know that we take numerous pictures of our students in kindergarten. We want to make sure that you will have a glimpse of your child at our field trips, participating in academics, parties, celebrations, activities, etc. These pictures will come back to you in a special memory book that we put together for your child. We would like each child to contribute a \$8.00 donation to help alleviate the costs of film developing. We are happy to supply a receipt if needed for tax purposes. You will find a film developing fee envelope in your packet.

COMMUNICATION FOLDER:

Your child's teacher will prepare a home/school communication folder for your child. It is very important that this folder get returned daily (even empty). Returning the folder daily is part of your child's personal responsibility. This is the way that your child will get home communication notes to you and you can send notes to their teacher.

RECESS/ SNACK:

We will have approximately 20 minutes daily for recess/snack. At this time the children may eat a small nutritional snack. Please remember that a snack is not a lunch. It should consist of something that can be eaten within 5 -7 minutes. Otherwise, we find that students miss out on their play time if they are spending too much time eating. Please help your child practice opening snacks, putting straws into drinks, etc. No sodas or candy are allowed for snack. We ask that students do not share snacks due to allergies or health issues. If your child will attend Campus Club, please make sure that your child knows the difference between their snack and their lunch for Campus Club.

CONCERNS:

Please contact your child's teacher immediately if you have any questions or concerns. Sometimes a child may be uncomfortable to confront a teacher regarding a problem and we are not aware of their concern. We want to work together to make sure your child has a positive experience.

BIRTHDAYS:

We do celebrate each child's birthday unless you request differently. A note will be sent home in our back to school night packet to explain our birthday procedures. Please note, teachers can not pass out party invitations at school.

CLOTHING:

Clovis Unified does have a dress code. Please read it over in the Student's Rights and Responsibilities handbook that you will receive when school begins. Also, please label all articles of clothing your child may take off during the day (jackets, sweaters, etc.)

CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS:

We will definitely use classroom volunteers. We normally ask for a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly commitment. Volunteer times are approximately for one hour and a half on your volunteer day. We will have classroom volunteer sign ups at the "Welcome to Kindergarten" in August. Thanks in advance for your help.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Liberty Elementary (559) 327-7100

Email is a great form of communication. Teachers normally check emails before and after class times. If you have an emergency or a question that needs a quick response, please be sure to call the front office to get a message to us.

Email addresses can be found on the Liberty website.