

August 2017



Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten! Miss Reardon and I are so looking forward to getting to know and working with you and your child this year. I ask that you read this letter carefully, as it details important information you will need to prepare for our first day of school on **Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**Meet & Greet:** We hope that you'll be able to swing by the Kindergarten classroom on **Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> between 9 and 10:00 a.m.** to meet us and ask any questions you may have, see our classroom, drop off school supplies you may have purchased, etc. If you purchased your child's school supplies through EPI, they will be delivered directly to our classroom, and will be ready to go on the first day of school.

**School Hours:** School begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m. each day. Your child should be dropped off in the parking lot outside the gym each morning. Our middle school safety patrols will be happy to walk your child directly to our classroom on the first days of school.

**Please note that Kindergarten will dismiss at noon August 28<sup>th</sup>-September 1<sup>st</sup>.** Dismissal will be held in the **gym** on **Monday** and **Friday**. Dismissal will be held in the **courtyard** (at our classroom doors) on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**. Kindergarten will begin **full days of school** (8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.) on **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**. You may pick your child up in the **gym** at 3:15 each afternoon.

**Uniforms:** Uniforms must be worn to school each day. (PE uniforms must be worn on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.) We ask that you review the uniform guidelines in the handbook carefully to ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for school each day. We highly recommend writing your child's name in ink on all parts of the uniform to ensure that nothing is misplaced.

**Snack:** Please send your child to school with a **morning AND afternoon** snack that will be easy for him or her to eat each day. Please label each snack bag with 1) your child's name and AM snack and 2) your child's name and PM snack. Because the children will be asked to place their snacks in baskets each morning, we ask that snacks and lunches always be packed **separately**.

\*Please note that an AM snack will be needed August 28<sup>th</sup>-September 1<sup>st</sup>. Your child will need an AM snack AND a lunch on **Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>; and Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>** so that we can become accustomed to going to lunch in the cafeteria. Typically, lunches are NOT needed on half days of school (one snack, however, WILL be needed on half days of school).

**Lunch:** Please send your child to school with a lunch each day. Milk is available for those who have ordered it – stay tuned for more information re: the milk program! You may also choose to order “special,” OPTIONAL lunches for your child (e.g. Subway, pizza, etc.) that will be available on pre-determined dates throughout the school year.

**Birthdays:** We realize that birthdays are very special days for the children, and we make sure to properly recognize each child on his or her birthday. **Please understand that in accordance with school policy, we can only accept small non-food items and/or book donations to be shared with classmates on your child’s special day.**

**Folders:** Please check your child’s folder each evening for papers, notes, and/or completed classwork, and return it to school the next day. We will check your child’s folder for notes from home each morning. Important information from the office will be sent home every **Thursday**. Each child will receive a second folder for homework. Homework will be given on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and/or Thursdays**.

**Specials Schedule:**

<b>Monday</b>	P.E.
<b>Tuesday</b>	French & Spanish Art & Computer
<b>Wednesday</b>	Music & Library Art & Computer
<b>Thursday</b>	Attend School Mass w/ our 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Buddies P.E.
<b>Friday</b>	Music & Library

**Classroom Rules:** On the first day of school, we will talk about how important it is that we follow rules that will keep us safe and able to learn and have fun while we are together. We will review our Classroom Rules at Morning Meetings so each child grows to understand what is expected of him or her each day. Your child will bring a copy of our Classroom Rules home to share with you and your family on the first day of school.

**Communication:** We believe that frequent communication between home and school will lead to a highly successful learning environment for your child. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, comments, or concerns that may arise throughout this school year -- we are always happy to talk with you! If you need to get in touch with us, you can leave a message with Mrs. Kuhn in the school office, or send us an email ([cmaalouf@blessedsacramentcc.org](mailto:cmaalouf@blessedsacramentcc.org) and [mreardon@blessedsacramentcc.org](mailto:mreardon@blessedsacramentcc.org)) and we will get back to you as soon as we can. If there is anything you would like to

share with us to help us better serve your child this school year, you are more than welcome to do so.

We could not be more excited for what we know will be a fantastic year with you and your child! We are looking forward to meeting and sharing more information with you at next Thursday's Meet & Greet, and at Back to School Night on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Best,

Carly Maalouf