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# Kindergarten - August Introduction Newsletter

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**WELCOME** - I'm looking forward to teaching your child this year. As we know, this will be an unusual school year due to COVID-19. If you have questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to myself or our school admin. *We're all in this together.*

**COVID-19 INFO** - To keep you informed, the school will provide parents/guardians with updates when available.

New school policy: general public entering the school must sign in with the office first.

**How you can help:** Have regular discussions with your child about: school procedures; hygiene; proper hand-washing; physical distancing; and, staying home when sick.

**COMMUNICATION** - Each student will receive a laminated Communication Folder. I will send it home when there's information to share - at times, some items will need to be signed and returned. Return folder as soon as possible (the next day is preferable). A small plastic sleeve inside the folder can be used for any notes or money. Regular classroom newsletters and a monthly calendar will be sent home. School information is available on the website.

I can be reached by email, in person, or by phone/text. I try to check my phone for messages during the school day, but if you have time-sensitive info, please call the office. Please ensure the school always has your up-to-date contact information.

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**FORMS & FEES** – School fees (\$50 cash or cheque) can be handed in to the office or the classroom. The fee is allocated for student supplies throughout the school year. Registration forms are located in the office from Holly and Caroline.

**PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Extra change of clothing (shirt, pants, socks, underwear) in baggie to leave at school
- Headphones to fit an iPad (labeled)
- Indoor shoes with velcro
- Water bottle (labeled)
- Backpack (large enough to fit several items)

**TOYS** - We ask that all toys be kept at home. In general, toys are often lost, broken, or a distraction. Keeping toys at home will also reduce any additional items coming into the school with respect to the COVID-19 school guidelines.

**ATTENDANCE** - Please inform the school whenever your child will be absent. This can be done by contacting the office or myself. If your child needs to be picked up early during school hours, please check in with the office and the teacher.

**LUNCHES & SNACKS** - We encourage healthy lunches and snacks (fruits, vegetables, brown bread, cheese and crackers, yogurt, left-overs). This will help to keep our classroom healthy, active, and ready to learn!  
In Kindergarten, students have lunch and a morning and afternoon snack each day.

**How you can help:** when possible, please have morning snack in a separate container/baggie so it can be pulled from the lunch kit in the morning.

**HOME READING PROGRAM** - Next week, we'll start our class Home Reading Program. After you've read to your child or your child has viewed a book, log it on the sheet inside duotang provided. Each time your child has read an increment of 10 books, your child may choose a prize from our treasure box. Daily reading at home increases vocabulary, imagination, and an interest in language and books.

**CLASSROOM & SCHOOL WEBSITE** - School info is regularly updated on our school website. Soon, our classroom website will be up and running. You're welcome to check out last year's class website at [lachanceteach@weebly.com](mailto:lachanceteach@weebly.com).