

Dear Room 14 Families,

I would like to warmly welcome you to our class and the 2023-2024 school year. I am looking forward to a wonderful year and I'm excited to hear about everyone's summer adventures. We will begin with a staggered entry schedule. Please refer to the schedule to know which day your child will attend during the first week of school. All Kindergarten students will attend on Thursday and all PK students will attend on Friday. Below is a list of items that your child will need to help us start off the school year. You can bring supplies to Open House or you can send them with your child on the first day of school. I will send out requests for other school supplies during the year as we get to know our group.

Supply List:

- 1 12 pack of Crayola colored pencils
- 1 Crayola watercolor paints
- 1 box of sidewalk chalk
- 1 pack of Crayola Broad Line markers - Classic colors
- 1 Standard size shoulder backpack (no wheels)
- 1 pair of plain colored crocs or croc like shoes (Native style shoes are okay) - to be worn indoors
- 1 pair of rainboots - to be worn when our outside play area is muddy & wet

Kindergartners – 1 box of gallon sized bags, 1 pack of unscented baby wipes & 1 primary composition notebook.

Pre-Kindergartners – 1 box of tissues & 1 bottle of dish soap

Clothing

Please send a change of clothes that are seasonally appropriate to be kept in the classroom (shirt, pants, underwear and socks) in a Ziploc bag. Please LABEL each piece of clothing.

Snack

Each child is assigned snack days throughout the school year. Please send enough for 24 children to have snack twice. You will be able to check our class site for your assigned snack days. Please send a thorough ingredient list so we can double check that it is safe for our children with allergies. We strive to provide healthy snacks for your children, so please avoid processed and sugary snacks. Fruits and vegetables are highly recommended!

Family of the Week

You can sign up for "Family of the Week." The family of the week brings flowers on Monday and takes home the laundry on Friday to be laundered and returned the following Monday.

Lunch

Students may purchase lunch at school or bring lunch from home. For students bringing lunch from home, please provide containers that your child can open independently. Our aim is to create less waste, so when in doubt, send reusable items, including a water bottle (Please label all reusable items). Candy, soda, fruit snacks, gummies, sugary drinks and snacks are not appropriate for the classroom. We will have "Dessert Friday" when you can send a small treat for your child's lunch (Friday only).

Communication

Communication is of the utmost importance to your child's success. Please feel free to email me any time at amber.elder@cms.k12.nc.us with questions or concerns. Email is the main form of communication, so please make sure that I always have a valid e-mail that is checked regularly. It is imperative that we communicate openly and honestly, as well as work together as a unified team to best meet the needs of your child.

Warm regards,

Amber Elder