

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to warmly welcome new friends, siblings and rising Kindergartners to our classroom environment. I am looking forward to a wonderful year! My name is Amber Elder and I will be your child's teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. I am excited to meet your child and see our returning students. Our year 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. 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 Pack of nylon craft loops
- 1 pack Ticonderoga #2 pencils
- 1 bottle of Elmer's school glue (white)
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 box of latex free plain bandaids
- *At Open House there will be a list of other items that are needed in the classroom. Each family can choose an item to contribute to our class.*
 - Kindergartners – 1 box of sidewalk chalk and 1 roll of paper towels
 - Pre-Kindergarten girls - 1 pack of quart sized ziploc bags and 1 pack of unscented baby wipes
 - Pre-Kindergarten boys – 1 box of gallon sized ziploc bags and 1 pack of eco-friendly disinfecting wipes.

Other Supplies and Procedures

Backpack

Each child needs to bring a backpack everyday. A standard size shoulder backpack (no wheels, please) big enough to hold a 11x13 folder, a lunch box, and library books. For safety reasons, please write your child's name on the inside of their backpacks.

Classroom Crocs

Your child will also need a pair of crocs (**plain colored crocs only please**) to be kept in the classroom. By wearing "inside shoes" this will help the children to learn how to put on and take off their shoes, keep the classroom clean, and also serve as an extra pair of shoes in the event of an accident.

Rest Towel

If your child is a **full day student**, they will need a plain coloured rest towel. Please label the towel with your child's name. No large beach towels, oversized towels, or blankets, please.

Clothing

Always be sure to send your child in seasonally appropriate clothing, as well as clothing that is easy for them dress, undress and toilet independently. **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 bring enough for 24 children to have snack twice. You will be able to check our class site for your assigned snack days. We can provide snack ideas and at times may request certain items to be used for cooking or food preparation. 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. Whole foods, fruits, and vegetables are highly recommended!

Family of the Week

You can sign up to be "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

Please provide containers that your child can open independently, as well as a cloth napkin and placemat (fingertip towels make great placemats). Our aim is to create less waste, when in doubt send reusable items, including a water bottle (Please label all reusable items). Again, please try to avoid over processed and low nutrition foods. When in doubt, think fresh and whole! Candy, soda, fruit snacks, sugary drinks and snacks are not appropriate for the classroom. We will have "Dessert Friday" when you can send a small treat in your child's lunch on Friday only.

Celebrations

We celebrate birthdays using our celebration sun. If you do not wish to celebrate your child's birthday or do not want your child to participate in the celebration, please let us know. If you would like to bring a special treat to share with the class, please discuss with us ahead of time. Throughout the school year we will also study various holidays. This is a great time for parents to come in and share about their family traditions and holiday celebrations. Again, if you do not want your child to participate, please let us know.

Work

All of your child's work will be sent home on Friday in a work folder and the folder needs to be emptied and returned each Monday. Please look for it in their backpack. We may keep a few pieces of your child's work to be kept in a portfolio to help track their progress. Kindergarten students will have reading books later in the school year.

Communication is of the utmost importance to your child's success. We have a classroom Shutterfly site that you will need to check regularly for classroom news & updates, volunteer sign-ups, school events, photos, etc. You can request to join the site at <https://prmroom14class20142015.shutterfly.com/> Our class also has a Facebook page. You can request to join by going to "Ms. Amber's Class" on Facebook. 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 for our room parents, 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.

I look forward to meeting everyone soon!

Warm regards,

Amber Elder