

The ABC's Of **Kindergarten**

EVERYthing About Kindergarten
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Attendance - A successful school experience is the responsibility of the child, the parents, and the school. Your child's progress, both academically and socially, is influenced to a great extent by daily participation. Regular attendance is critical.

Absences - Students need to be in school as much as possible. We are building language, working on auditory development, and using hands-on materials to enhance our learning. These activities cannot be duplicated for students who are missing. Excessive absences hinder a child's progress. If your child is going to be absent, please **email your child's teacher** and send a note on their return. Please try to plan family trips during our scheduled breaks.

Arrival - Instruction begins promptly at 8 am. School doors open at 7:45am. If you plan to have your child eat breakfast please plan to drop them off at 7:45 to make sure they have ample time to eat before heading to class. Students must be signed in by an adult if arriving after 8 A.M.

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Birthdays - Birthdays are very important to children. On your child's birthday you have the option to send a treat for your child to share with their class at lunch.

Behavior- Behavior Management systems will be communicated by your child's teacher.

Bags - Kindergarteners will need a backpack and will have a locker to store belongings. Please make sure backpacks are not oversized or on wheels.

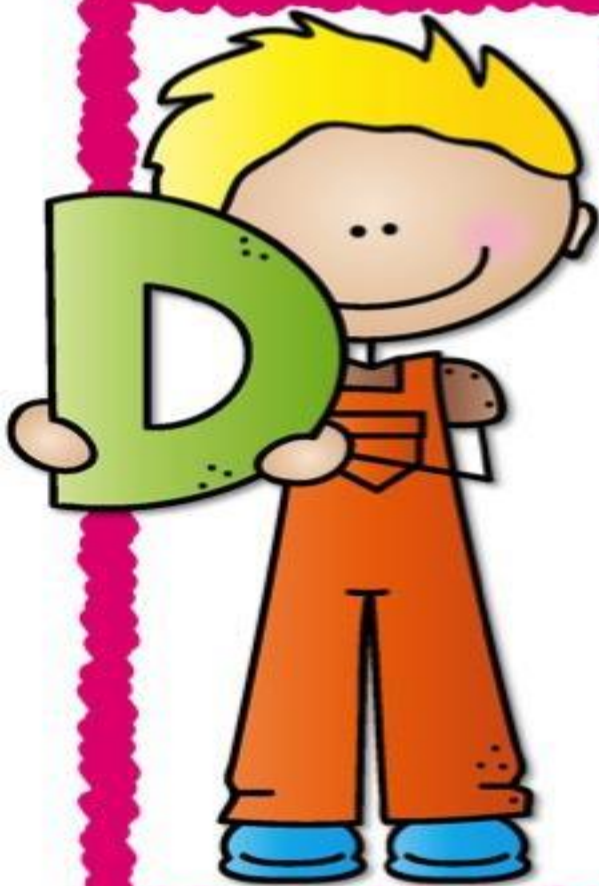
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Clothing -

- SSA – Standard School Attire (more details on the PTO website)
- Students must wear closed toe, rubber bottom shoes every day! No sandals or flip flops.
- Girls: **Please wear shorts under skirts/dresses.**
- Please send an extra change of clothes (including socks/underwear) to be kept at school with school supplies.

Conferences - Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 31st.



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Dismissal -

- Dismissal begins at 3 P.M.
- Car Riders: MUST put your nametag in the driver's side window for callers to see. ***Stay in your car*** – teachers on duty will help your child find his/her car.
- Walkers: Dismissed at the front of the school. *Please bring your provided nametag daily.*
- Bus Riders will be escorted to the bus.
- PNA (aftercare program) attendees will be dismissed to the PNA teachers.
- **Please** notify your teacher of dismissal changes as early as possible! Unknown dismissal changes hold up the dismissal line at the end of the day. If you don't hear back from your teacher, call the office. We often can't email after our planning time. **Writing the change on the date in the take home folder is a great way to inform us about a dismissal change.**

You MUST use the tag provided by us. We will not release your child otherwise.



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Early Dismissal - No early dismissals after 2:30 P.M.! Please email or send a note if possible.

Email – This is the best way to communicate with us. We will respond within 24 business hours.

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Fine Motor – To help your child increase their fine motor skills, please practice opening/closing lunch materials, buttoning/unbuttoning, etc. This will help your child become more independent!

Field Trips- We will be taking field trips outside of the school this year. We plan to take 2-4 field trips and will communicate more information at a later date. ***No siblings allowed on field trips for safety reasons.***

Folders – Folders need to be returned to school daily.

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Good Behavior - We expect all children to follow our school and classroom rules.

- Be Kind
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe

Please reinforce these rules and expectations at home with your child (and help us teach the specific skill if applicable). If your child comes home with a report, please address at home (discuss, consequences, loss of privileges, etc.)



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Homework -

You will receive a monthly homework sheet with different activities. These can be completed in any order at your own pace. An adult should initial each box, then a child can color it in. Return the completed sheet to school at the end of the month!

In addition to the monthly choice sheet your child will come home with sight words to practice. Please practice these at home regularly!

A cartoon illustration of a young girl with brown hair in pigtails, wearing a green dress and orange boots. She is holding a large, pink, stylized letter 'I' in front of her face. The entire scene is enclosed in a thick, orange, scalloped border.

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Illness - Please do not send your child to school if they are sick!

Students should be fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

Send an excuse/doctor's note once your child returns to school.



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Jitters- It is normal for you as a parent to feel nervous about your child's first day of school! We get nervous too. 😊

Job Opportunity – Coming to school to learn is your child's job! We will prepare them to be independent learners and citizens.



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Kindergarten – The most important year in your child's education!

Kindness- We focus on positive reinforcement and believe **KINDNESS** is one of the most important skills learned in the classroom.



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Lunch -

- Lunch (and breakfast) is free!
- Visit <https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/SylvanParkES> to view the breakfast and lunch menus.
- Please do not have food delivered to your child for lunch. Ex: Door Dash You are welcome to check your child out and eat at the picnic tables out front with a special lunch.

Laptops – Every child will be assigned a laptop. This laptop will be kept at school daily.



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Messy - Kindergarten can be messy!

MTSS- Multi-Tiered System of Support) a system to support a timely response to academic and behavioral needs, data driven

- Tier 1**: Core instruction (grade level)
- Tier 2**: Need some targeted support
- Tier 3**: Few need most intensive support

A cartoon illustration of a young boy with brown hair, rosy cheeks, and a friendly smile. He is wearing an orange shirt and yellow pants. He is holding a large, purple, three-dimensional letter 'N' in front of his chest. The entire scene is framed by a green, textured border.

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News – Each teacher will communicate classroom news through newsletters, emails, and/or handouts.

To get even more info from the PTO check their website (www.sylvanparkschool.org) and sign up for their emailed newsletter, like them on Facebook (Sylvan Park Paideia Design Center PTO) and Instagram (@SylvanParkPTO)!



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Paideia – a collaborative intellectual dialogue facilitated with open-ended questions about a text, meant to nurture proficiency in thinking, communication, and growth of social skills. School-wide and grade level projects. At least 1 Socratic seminar per quarter.

Phonics – Phonics is the teaching of letters and sounds to read and write. We will be taking a "sounds first" approach to phonics. This means your child will learn the sound each letter makes BEFORE they learn the name of the letter.

Parties – **MNPS** allows two official parties. Kindergarten has chosen a Winter Celebration & End of Year Celebration.



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Questions -

- Email is the best way to communicate with us during the school day.
- You can send a note in your child's daily folder.



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Report Cards – Report cards are sent home after each 9 weeks

Progress Reports- are sent home in the middle of each 9 weeks.

Please review, sign, and return.

Recess – 40 minutes of activity. If it is raining, we will have indoor recess – centers, games, free choice, etc.



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Supplies – Yes, we really do need ALL the items on the supply list!

- Personal water bottles are recommended. We ask that you send your child to school with a FILLED reusable water bottle. Only water please!
- Please practice opening/refilling independently at home, including twisting caps on and off!

Snacks- Kindergarten has an early lunch this year, so we will have an afternoon snack. Please send a snack with your child that they can open/eat independently. Please make sure your child is aware what is snack and what is for their lunch, so they don't eat both for lunch.



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Transportation – Changes to your child's transportation must be received by note or email or they will be sent home by their usual method of transportation. You can also write this on the child's folder calendar.

**Emails sent the day of must be received by 11:30. If you don't hear back from your teacher, please call the office.

Toys – Toys must remain at home!



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"U" are your child's first and most important teacher

- Discuss how your child's day went. Have high expectations for your child concerning both academics and behavior.
- Reinforce what is being taught at school.
- Read, read, read!



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Volunteers – Each teacher will communicate how to volunteer in your child's classroom. The PTO needs volunteers throughout the year at various schoolwide events!

If you are interested in being a Room Parent please let your teacher know ASAP. It is MUCH appreciated.

[Calendar – Sylvan Park Paideia Design Center](http://sylvanparkschool.org)
sylvanparkschool.org



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Work

- Kindergarten is hard work... but also lots of fun!
- Make sure your child gets a good night's rest and eats breakfast each morning.
- Routines: keep backpack in the same location, initial calendar and put folder in backpack each night.
- Review student work so you know how they are doing academically.
- Read and practice sight words!

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-Kindergarten is an exciting and magical year!





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Yawns

-Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest every night.



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Zzzz's

- No more naps... Students may have quiet time with quiet time activities such as independent reading, puzzles, iPads, etc.

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Questions?

Email us!

We are so excited for a
great year!