

August 2016

Dear Kindergarten Friend,

Happy Summer! Welcome to Kindergarten at Highland Park School. We are excited to have you join us this year! We look forward to meeting you before school at our "Meet and Greet" on Wednesday, August 31. We will meet in the gymnasium at 3 pm and proceed to the Kindergarten classrooms. At the end of the visit, a bus ride will be available to students and families who will be using bus transportation.

Our first day of school is Thursday, September 1, 2016-this is a full day of school. You will meet your teacher on this day between 8:50 and 8:55 in the classroom - please accompany your child using the main entrance doors. Bus students will be met by a staff member and walked to their Kindergarten room.

*Mrs. Kilgus- Room 112, main hallway

*Mrs. Chenette-Room 114, main hallway (across from the Library)

*Ms. Pont-Room 116, main hallway (across from the Library)

You will need to bring a few items on the first day of school. Please refer to the list below:

*1 laminated 2-pocket folder (with name on front) (One will be provided if you do not bring one.)

*a regular student sized backpack (preschool backpacks will not fit all of their belongings)

*1 bath size or beach towel - for a daily rest and quiet reading time (no stuffed toys or pillows)

*1 small snack - please pack one healthy, easy to open snack item. PLEASE NO PEANUT/NUT/PEANUT BUTTER SNACKS UNTIL WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF STUDENT ALLERGIES!

*We strongly encourage your child to bring a lunch the first week of school. Children need time to learn how to use the cafeteria and follow lunch line procedures. Peanut/nut products are allowed in the cafeteria, once we have established any student allergies.

The school day ends at 3:25. We will meet parents for pick-up outside of the main entrance. For your child's safety, students will ONLY be released to a parent or another adult, with your permission. More information will follow as school begins, on all above procedures.

**Remember . . . the day will be long for the Kindergarten children. They will be exposed to a lot of new rules, new friends, new teachers, and a new environment. This can be very tiring for a 4 or 5 year old. You can help your child adjust smoothly by making sure they get to bed early (between 7 and 8) and eat a healthy breakfast. Thank you for your help and we look forward to working with you this year!*

Fondly,

The HPS Kindergarten Teachers