

Welcome to
Kindergarten in
The Lion Room!



Important Information for the Year

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Hilton Elementary



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Arrival and Dismissal

Our school hours are from 8:47-3:50. All students must be in classrooms by 9:00am. Children who arrive later than 9:00 will be marked as tardy.

Picking Up From School

At the end of the school day, students will be led to the gym or pick-up area to ensure each child finds the correct bus line and/or pick-up location. If you need your child before dismissal time, just let the office know and they will call. If your child's routine dismissal is to change at any time, please send a note with your child to let us know.

Specials

At Hilton we have Physical Education (P.E.), Music, and Art. Please check the monthly calendar to see the days we have each special. In addition, we will visit the library and computer lab weekly. Our schedule will be linked on our website.

Medications

The office staff will administer all medications. Please let me know if your child is to be given any medicine during school hours. If your child has asthma, you may want to consider leaving a spare inhaler in the office. Do not send medicine to school in your child's backpack. This includes cough drops or sore throat lollipops.

Backpack

Your child will have a lot of things that will come home. Please check your child's backpack daily for important information. Also, please clearly label your child's backpack with their name (inside or outside). Your child should be able to open and close the backpack independently. Please no handles or wheels on backpacks.

Clothing

Accidents happen! You may consider sending a set of spare undergarments and pants to school... just in case! Please label all spare clothing with your child's full name; especially coats, hats, and mittens, as these are frequently misplaced. If you misplace anything, check the school lost and found located by the recess doors.

When sending your child to school keep in mind that we will do a variety of activities throughout the day such as painting, planting, cooking, using clay, etc. A child that has to worry about getting dirty cannot participate joyfully in our day. We do wear smocks, but kindergarteners sometimes just get messy! Because we are so active during the day, it is recommended that children do not wear sandals, flip-flops, or clogs to school.

Toys

Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home to school. Our classroom is filled with items to keep busy. Lost and/or broken toys result in very sad feelings. Children often keep some “treasures” in their backpacks – these too can get lost, so please keep them at home.

Book Order Information

Several times during the year book orders will be sent home. Please know that participation in this is purely optional. Because the books are so reasonable I feel it is worth offering them to those families who wish to participate. We will begin soon! More information is linked on our website.

Money

Money brought to school for any reason should always be in an envelope with your child’s name and my name or Lion Room.

Birthdays

Birthdays are a BIG deal in kindergarten! Please feel free to send a simple, individually cut treat (cookies, brownies, etc.) with your child on the special day. PLEASE NO CUPCAKES. It is safest to plan for 27 students. Please include napkins/utensils. If your child has a summer birthday, you could find their “half birthday” and we could celebrate it then! Please do not send party invitations to school. It is uncomfortable for all of us – unless you want to invite the whole class. I cannot give out phone numbers and addresses of other students.

Volunteers

Volunteers are a very important part of the kindergarten program. There are many tasks for volunteers and I will try to find one that best fits your needs. We will begin our work with volunteers in October.

Water in the Classroom

Much research has proven that water is necessary to nourish the growth of the brain's network system. Your child is welcome to bring in a water bottle. Please make sure it is labeled with their name. We also have a water fountain in the classroom.

Snack

We have one snack time each day which will be in the afternoon. I am asking that each child's family provide a healthy snack for the entire class once, sometimes twice, a month. I will have a calendar with your child's name on a given day. Your family will be responsible for providing snack on that given day. If you have any concerns about providing snack, please let me know.

Here is the snack schedule. Please refer to this list each month to see what to send to school.

Monday: Popcorn (any flavor)

Tuesday: Crackers and cheese or pretzels and cheese

Wednesday: Carrots and/or Celery with Ranch Dip or Hummus (washed and cut please)

Thursday: Rice Cakes or mini-bagels with All-Natural Jam or Cream Cheese

Friday: Bananas and/or apples.

Our snack will be in the afternoon and I cannot keep things refrigerated. Other things to keep in mind:

- Please do not send any snack with peanuts or other nut related items
- Make sure there will be enough snack for 27 students

Quiet Time

The days will be long for your kindergartener; especially at the beginning of the year. In the afternoon we will have a short 20 minutes of quiet time. Your child will spend this time with the lights dimmed and enjoy a quiet activity such as drawing or coloring.

Conferences

Conferences are scheduled two times during the year (fall and spring). All parents are expected to attend. The dates for the conferences will be announced in upcoming newsletters. These conferences are planned to

discuss your child's progress and offer ideas on how to help your child succeed. You are always welcome to schedule additional conferences.

Homework

Kindergarten students will not receive assigned homework. You may be asked to assist with a few special home projects over the year.

Students should read or listen to an adult read at least one book every day. Reading with your child is the most important thing you can do to build strong literacy skills!

Friday Folders

These are Hilton folders that come home on Fridays that will have information about what is happening around our campus and district. These folders need to come back the following Monday empty so they can be filled for the following week. Please take some time to look through all the material and send back promptly. This is your way of staying connected when you can't be here physically.

Contact

If you need to reach me please call. I am here to help your child and here to help you. There are no silly questions and chances are if you have a question others probably do too. If there is an emergency or a change of plans (child is being picked up instead of riding the bus) please call the office and they will let me know. If you have a general question please call and leave a message on my voicemail. I will get back to you within 24 hours.

The best way to reach me is through e-mail.

Optional text messaging will be offered through Remind (linked on website).

**Once again, welcome to the Lion Room! I am glad
you are here!**

For more information please check out our class website and blog.

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