

## **WELCOME TO 4K!**

We are eager to begin our new journey this school year. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we all venture through these unprecedented times.

Beginning **Tuesday, September 8** we will begin in person learning! Students will attend school as they typically would (with COVID precautions in place). We will continue our in person learning for the duration.

We will be utilizing two SeeSaw Apps. You will need to download both the SeeSaw Class app and the SeeSaw Family app. You will receive a QR code to link to your child's profile. While we are in-person learning you will receive your child's weekly newsletter and photos of what your child has been up to in the classroom on the SeeSaw Family app. In the event of online learning, we will use SeeSaw Family to share Zoom links for class meetings, instructional videos from teachers and paras, and a grid of activities to complete. The Seesaw Class app can be used for online learning activities.



We will do our best to send a weekly sheet home on Mondays so that you can know what we are doing each week. This will keep you informed and is also a great conversation tool to use with your child to find more out about his or her day at school. We will include reminders and special events on this as well. It usually works best to keep these sheets in your child's folder for the entire week. If we have to switch to online school, we will load the plans to SeeSaw on Fridays to give you a preview of what to expect for the upcoming week.

Please send folders and backpacks to school with your child on the first day of the week and on the last day of the school week. On the first day of the week you will get any information that we have for you about future events and activities, as well as a hard copy of the weekly communication sheet. On the last day of the week you will get all of the projects and things that we have worked on throughout the week.

Unfortunately we are not able to invite guest readers or helpers into our classroom as of right now. If this would change, we will let you know.

We have a daily snack and milk break in 4K. Please send a box of **store bought pre-packaged individually wrapped** snacks. An adult will be opening the milk and serving the snack to your child.

Birthday treats can be sent, but they need to be **store bought and individually wrapped**.

If you plan to drop off or pick up your child, please use the side doors by the south playground and closest to our room. The AM session begins at 8:30AM and the PM session begins at

12:00PM. If you happen to be a bit early, you can wait outside until a teacher or paraprofessional gets to the playground. Please wait by the side doors at pick up time. We will dismiss (11:40 for am and 3:00 for pm classes) your child to you when we see you. Be sure your child says goodbye to their teacher before leaving.

Remember that we will be going outside most days to play. Shoes with backs are best and a must to play on the equipment. Also, some mornings when we are outside it is cool, but it often warms up as we are playing, so layers are probably best. If you feel your child needs sunscreen, please do that in the morning before school. We are planning on having our group times outside as long as the weather permits, so keep this in mind when thinking about how warm to dress your child and if there is a need for sunscreen. Our best guess is that we will be outside for about 60 - 80 min each school day.

We use a variety of tools and paints and colors, and we can't promise they won't get on your child's clothes. We always say that **dirty clothes = a fun day**. So, don't be surprised if your child comes home a little dirty or messy. Also, think about that when you dress them for school. If your child is wearing something that you would rather not get dirty or possibly end up stained, then we would say it's probably not a great choice for school. We love to have fun and experiment with everything! Play clothes are best!

We have been diligently working on plans to create a safe and fun classroom environment for your child. We are hoping we will be able to answer all of your questions when we meet you in September!

We are excited for a great year and look forward to working together as your child grows physically, socially, and academically. It's going to be a year of great changes and I appreciate your understanding and flexibility. Thank you for sharing your child with us. We promise to do our best for him or her everyday! Let's have a great school year!

AM:

Mrs. Karly Baganz (teacher) Mrs. Whitehead (paraprofessional and rides the bus)  
Mrs. Megan McConkey (teacher) TBD (paraprofessional and rides the bus)  
Mrs. Ashley Ranzenberger (teacher) Mrs. Lisa Yahnke (paraprofessional)

PM:

Mrs. Ashley Ranzenberger (teacher) Mrs. Kim (paraprofessional and rides the bus)  
Ms. Jessica Macha (teacher) TBD (paraprofessional and rides the bus)  
Mrs. Colette Schockman (teacher) Mrs. Schneider (paraprofessional)

Mrs. Amber Clark (special education teacher) Ms. Tracy (paraprofessional)

Take Care,  
4K Teachers