

## Kindergarten Back To School

August 31, 2010



Arrival is between 7:50am and 8:20am:

Classroom doors will be open every morning at 7:50am. Class will begin promptly at 8:25am. Please drop your child off at the front door of the classroom, even if you arrive late. The first 30 minutes of the day will be spent at centers; giving students the chance to work with manipulatives, use art supplies, and to socialize/play with their peers. By arriving before the tardy bell rings, you are giving your child this special time with their friends and more importantly time to acclimate to the classroom setting.



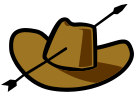
Dismissal is at 3:20pm:

It is of great importance that you pick your child up on time. If you are unable to pick up your child by 3:30pm, he/she will be escorted to the Pre-K yard for day care. If your child will be attending day care regularly, please let the teacher know. You may contact the office to arrange for monthly payments for day care.



Absences:

When your child is ill, please keep them home from school. This is to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone in the class. If your child has been sick, they should be symptom free for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Missed class work and homework will be sent home when your child returns to school. If a student is absent for one or more days, he/she will be given the same number of days to make up the missed work.



## Lunch:

Lunch tickets must be purchased from the cafeteria and filled out in advance. Cash will no longer be accepted. A full lunch is \$4.00. The cafeteria has a variety of nutritious options for lunch. You are asked to go over the monthly menu with your child and please only buy school lunches when your child will eat what is being served that day. You may also send a nutritious lunch from home.



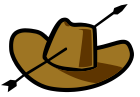
## Snacks:

Children must bring two snacks per day. One snack will be eaten in the morning at 9:55am and the other at 1:50pm. Kindergarteners are not allowed to purchase snacks from the cafeteria during their recess time, therefore, please do not buy snack tickets. Please provide your child with only healthy snack options. Both snacks can be any of the following food groups: veggies, fruits, dairy, and carbohydrates (such as pretzels, crackers, and granola). Please no candy, soda, chips, sugar-coated cereal, cookies, fruit roll-ups, and artificial juices.



## Physical Education:

Kindergarten classes will have P.E. on Fridays from 10:15am - 11am. Please send your child to school dressed in their P.E. uniform and tennis shoes every Friday. They will wear their uniform all day.



## Class Work:

Class work will be sent home every Friday in a folder. Your child is to bring the empty folder back the following Monday. Please review the weekly work with your child.



## Homework:

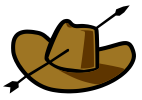
Homework will be sent home Monday thru Thursday. Homework must be done in pencil, unless otherwise noted. Homework will include 1-2 pages of reading/phonics and 1-2 pages of

mathematics. The homework should take around 20-30 minutes to complete. We also recommend 20 minutes of reading to/with your child daily.



### Tutoring:

Tutoring will be provided twice a week from 3:25pm - 3:45pm at the teacher's discretion. Tutoring is a positive experience where students are given one-on-one attention with the teacher. Every student will be tutored at some point during the year and you will be given prior notice as to which day your child should attend. Tutoring activities may include: singing, storytelling, mathematics, phonics, reading, and learning games.



### Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Parent/Teacher conferences formally take place three times during the school year. However, if you wish to discuss any issues, feel free to make an appointment with me and I will accommodate your schedule. Please refrain from attempting to discuss your child's progress in detail during arrival and dismissal. During these times, my focus is on supervising and preparing the children. If you have any questions or concerns during school hours, there is a notepad that will be provided outside on the bulletin board. Please write your name, phone number, and best time to contact you and place your folded note in the envelope. Please give the teacher 24 hours to contact you.



### Spelling Quizzes:

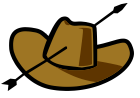
Spelling quizzes will consist of words based on the high frequency word list from the Scott Foresman reading program. The first quiz will be given at the end of September. The words on the quiz will be: I, am, and the individual child's first name, using proper uppercase and lowercase letters.



### Birthdays:

Birthdays will be celebrated on the last Friday of every month during our second snack time. You may provide a treat for the class when your child's birthday occurs during the month.

Parents are not to attend. If there is more than one birthday that is being celebrated, the parents will be given a choice of items to bring. Please no lunch pizza parties.



### Class Parties:

There will be many classroom parties throughout the year. Each holiday that is celebrated will include food. Parents will be contacted by a "Room Mom" or teacher with what they are to bring for the class. Every parent will be called upon to provide something (food, paper goods, plastic silverware, etc.) at least once during the year. We value when parents want to get involved, but please keep in mind that if you attend these parties, your assistance would be appreciated (set-up, serving food, clean-up, etc.). We appreciate your generosity and the students truly enjoy the holiday parties.



### Room Moms:

If you would like to be a room mom or a classroom volunteer please fill out the attached form and return by Friday, September 3. A room mom will be my go-to contact for classroom and party needs. They will attend also classroom parties to help with set-up and clean-up. Classroom volunteers will assist the classroom moms and can assist on special projects when needed.



### Field Trips:

We will be doing on one field trip and will be traveling by bus. Further information will be provided later on in the year.



### Bake Sale:

Every Wednesday, beginning Sept. 15, a grade level sponsors a bake sale. Items (bagel w/ and w/o cream cheese and churros) are sold for \$1.00. There will be a clipboard on the outside table with a class list. Please check which item your child would like to purchase and place the money in the appropriate container.



## Scholastic Book Orders:

Every month, I will be sending home a scholastic book order form. This is a simply way for you to purchase books for your child and to help support our classroom. Every time you purchase books, I earn classroom bonus points that I then use to purchase books, supplies, or even furniture for our classroom.



## My Website:

Please visit our classroom website for up to date information and class pictures. My website is [mshartounian@yolasite.com](mailto:mshartounian@yolasite.com). Thank you!



## Questions or Comments:

Contact me via email at [yhartounian@agbumds.org](mailto:yhartounian@agbumds.org) or contact the office to leave me a message.

I look forward to an exciting new year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Yvette Hartounian



Parent Volunteer Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Which days can you volunteer?

Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday

What time is better for your schedule? Please specify a time.

Morning: \_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon: \_\_\_\_\_

Other ways to help:

\_\_\_\_\_ Take home projects (cutting, sorting, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Photographer

\_\_\_\_\_ Science Supply Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Reader

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Projects (baking, art, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I value parents who want to be involved in their child's education and look forward to getting to know you. Thank you in advance for all you do for our classroom.

Sincerely,

Ms. Yvette Hartounian