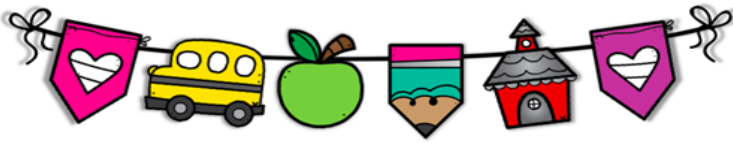


# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!



Family involvement is so important in a child's education. Your child will receive the best education possible when we work together. We will keep in close touch with you all year. Please do the same with us. We welcome your calls and messages. Together, we can make kindergarten a very positive and joyful learning experience for all the children.

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Horizon 5K Website  
[horizon5k.weebly.com](http://horizon5k.weebly.com)

## Horizon Sneak Peek

Wednesday, August 25  
3:30-5:30 pm



- \*MEET YOUR TEACHER\*
- \*SEE OUR ROOM\*
- \*DROP OFF SUPPLIES\*
- \*TURN IN THE ENCLOSED YELLOW CHILD INFO FORM\*

## GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN...

We are very excited to meet the kindergarteners! We know that the start of the school year can be an exciting and nerve-racking time. The best thing we can do as parents and teachers is to **teach our kids as many self-help skills as possible**. This is where we need your help to get your children ready prior to the start of the year.

Please see the back of this sheet for a list of self-help skills to work on with your child.

### Drop Off & Dismissal

#### Drop Off:

Horizon doors open at 8:40. School begins at 8:45. 5K students will enter through doors on the lower level. Families will drop off at the door and school staff will be available to help your child find their classroom.

#### Parent Pick Up:

5K will be dismissed at 3:45 at the lower level. Parents picking up should remain in their vehicles curbside and wait for their child to walk to them on the sidewalk.

#### Bus:

Students riding the bus home will be dismissed at 3:45.

#### Backpack Tags:

We have included a tag for you to attach to your child's backpack before the first day of school. This tag indicates your child's teacher so the school staff can help them find their classroom.

### Mark Your Calendars

**Tuesday, Sept. 14**  
**6:00-6:45 pm**

This meeting will be for kindergarten parents.

During this meeting we will give you a brief overview of our 5K programs, the curriculum, assessment, report cards, and conferences. We'll also be able to answer your questions about volunteering, routines, schedules, etc.

More info to come as we get closer to the date.

### Breakfast

Breakfast will be offered to all students each day. At 8:35 doors will open for students to eat breakfast in the Cafeteria, which is located in the lower level of the building. Breakfast for 5K is only offered in the Cafeteria and will not be eaten in the classrooms.

There will not be a snack time in the classroom during the day.

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. The water bottle will be kept in your child's backpack. **Please make sure water bottles are labeled, do not leak, and are easily opened by your child.**

Birthday treats are welcome, but need to be individually packaged by the manufacturer. Sorry no home-made treats.

### Communication

Most information from school will be emailed to you or sent to you through Skyward. Please be sure to check your email often to keep informed.

On the last day of each week your child will bring home a folder that contains school work and information. Look over the materials and return the empty folder to school.

## **Self-Help Skills You Can Start Doing NOW To Prepare Your Kindergartener For School:**

1. Zip/unzip/snap/button their own coats and clothing
2. Use the restroom independently (wiping/flushing/washing)
3. Wash hands thoroughly
4. Tie, Velcro, fasten shoes independently
5. Open and close their own lunch box and food containers (including baggies, yogurts, etc.)
6. Put a straw in their own juice box
7. Fill and close their own water bottles
8. Practice eating lunch within a 20 minute time frame (set a timer)
9. Using tissues to blow their nose
10. Cleaning up after themselves
11. Open and close a Zip-Loc bag
12. How to write first name
13. How to hold a scissors
14. Open and close glue bottles and glue sticks
15. When asked, knows first and last name

**Thank you so much for your help at home with these tasks. It will make the start of the school year easier on your child!**

**we ♥ school !**

