

Welcome to Kindergarten!



To Each and Every Family,

I hope that you are enjoying your summer thus far and making lots of fun summer memories! Perhaps, here and there, your minds are starting to fill up with thoughts of what the upcoming school year will hold for your child. My mind is certainly filling up with lots and lots of engaging and academic plans for the year ahead. Together, we will make the year a **magical** one for your child!

There is something so truly magical about kindergarten! Your child will progress at his or her own rate, acquiring skills as he or she is developmentally ready. Together, we will embrace and celebrate all of the successful moments and gains that your child makes. In addition, maintaining each child's self-esteem while he or she is developing skills is a top priority for me as I am sure that it is for you. I want each child to enjoy school, love learning, and be proud of himself or herself.

On the first day of school, I will be sending home a questionnaire for you to fill out which will provide me some insight to your child. This questionnaire is designed to help me learn a little more about your child as the school year starts. It will help me focus on specific areas, alert me to sensitivities or needs, and allow me to assess and enrich strengths. In advance, I appreciate your help and honesty with this questionnaire. Please send it in with your child by the end of our first week of school. Thank you!

In addition, a detailed letter will come home on the first day of school listing the times for our lunch and snack. Included with the letter will be a helpful schedule of our daily specials. We have two specials per day. This schedule can be placed in a perfect spot for you and your child to view each day. Please be mindful that there is the possibility that your child may have Physical Education class on the first day of school. So, please have your child dress accordingly.

Each week, there will be a weekly newsletter with the details of what is transpiring in our classroom setting and reminders for upcoming events both in our classroom and in the elementary school. Please be sure to check the virtual backpack on the school home page for important information regarding school wide and district wide events, too.

Each day, your child is asked to bring a well-balanced lunch to school in a labeled lunchbox. As a class, the children will be eating their prepared lunches in the cafeteria setting. In the beginning of the school year, the children will be getting acclimated just to the cafeteria setting. Then there will be a point in the fall when the kindergarteners will be permitted to order their lunch from the cafeteria kitchen, too. More details will be shared when this opportunity is presented in the fall. Also, keep in mind that if warranted, we will make provisions for any child with allergies when eating in the cafeteria setting.

In addition to lunch, the children will have a daily snack for about fifteen minutes. This will be a time to regroup, recharge, and socialize. The definitive snack time will be announced once the schedule is determined. I will also notify you if we need to be mindful of any allergens to avoid in our classroom setting.

When time permits, please refer to the supply list that you can find on the district's website. Kindly label all materials except for the pencils and glue sticks. As noted, the two boxes should be labeled with your child's name. Then one should be labeled Class Supplies and the other one Foundations Supplies. Then as noted, fill them as follows:

CLASS SUPPLIES BOX:

1 box of crayons
1 large glue stick
2 sharpened Ticonderoga pencils
Fiskar child scissors

FUNDATIONS SUPPLIES BOX:

2 dry erase markers
1 sharpened pencil

All other supplies will be collected and we will keep them until they need to be replenished. I will provide specific labels for the notebooks and folders the first week of school. Please send the rest of the supplies for the year based on the following schedule:

Tuesday- 2 bottom-pocket folders, "Class Supplies" hard plastic pencil box with contents listed above, extra pencils in a labeled Ziploc bag, extra glue sticks, extra boxes of Crayons, the play dough.

Wednesday- "Foundations Supplies" hard plastic box with contents listed above, markers, watercolors, colored pencils, pink erasers, 2 Mead Primary Journals.

Thursday- a box of tissues and headphones in a labeled Ziploc bag or headphone bag.

Friday- a roll of paper towels, Ziploc baggies, Clorox wipes and a Chromebook case with optional handles.

At this time, I have two brief electronic questionnaires (see below) that will help me hit the ground running for you and your child. One is a questionnaire to address your child's dismissal plans and other daily needs. The other one is a permission slip regarding activities involved in our classroom and school setting as well as your child's learning experience. Please review and complete each electronic questionnaire prior to the first day of school. I will print and keep these questionnaires on file. Should you need to change the edit or update your questionnaire responses, please contact me. Thank you.

[Important Information for the Start of the School Year - 2024](#)
[Permission Slip - 2024 Mrs. Shannon](#)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the information that I have shared thus far or pertaining to another topic, please do not hesitate to contact me. The telephone number at school is 631-791-4300. You may also email me at mshannon@portjeffschools.org. Thank you for helping me with all of the noted items in this welcome letter. Furthermore, thank you for sharing your child with me this coming school year. I know we are going to have a wonderful year together!

Yours truly,
Marissa Shannon

PS: Lastly, and, perhaps most importantly, please share the attached note with your child!



Hello, there!

I am Mrs. Shannon and I am thrilled to be your kindergarten teacher! For kindergarten, I want you to get ready to have fun, learn a lot and to do things all by yourself, too. It will be a **BIG** year that you will love.

So, have lots of fun this summer and then get excited for the start of school. I will call you on the phone to say “hello” before school starts. I can’t wait to hear your voice on the phone and then to see you in person on the first day of school!

Before I leave you, I am going to ask you to do your first kindergarten job. Can you please color and complete the attached page for me? Bring it along on the first day of school. This way, I can start to learn all about you and so can your new classmates, too. Thank you!



Yours truly,
Mrs. Shannon

Please click on the image. Then you will be able to access a clear copy and print it. Thank you!

ALL ABOUT ME!

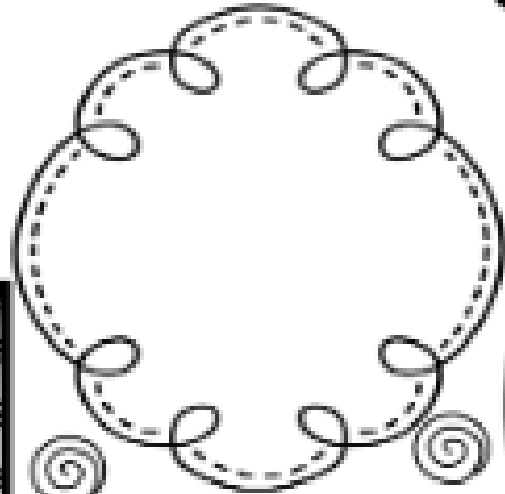
Name: _____

Age: _____

Grade: _____



Self-Portrait:



My Favorites:

Food: _____

Color: _____

Hobby: _____

Place: _____

Subject: _____

My Family

Something I'm really good at doing:

When I grow up I want to be...