



**Kindergarten
Orientation for the
Class of 2033**



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Covid - 19

Due to Covid 19, staggered entry, meet the teacher, and school start dates may change and will be given at a later time.

Under typical conditions this is what Kindergarten looks like, but some things could change.



Welcome to MCES!

Our goals for orientation:

- To explain the nuts and bolts of Kindergarten
- To share information on how you can help support your child's learning
- To answer any questions you might have



How can I help my child prepare for reading?

Work with your child on.....

- Reinforcing letter knowledge and sounds
- Recognizing environmental print (signs, posters, food containers, books)
- Recognizing print concepts (pointing to title, distinguishing between a capital/lowercase letter, a letter/word, identifying the front and back cover, pointing to the words while being read to)



How can I help my child prepare for writing?

Work with your child on.....


- Writing his/her first name (capitalize only the first letter in your name)
- Writing the alphabet (capital and lowercase)
- Beginning to phonetically spell words
- Reading his/her writing to you (Encourage inventive spelling if your child is ready.)



How can I help my child prepare for math?

Work with your child on.....

- Number sense
- Counting
- Identifying basic shapes



How is my child getting home from school?

- **Carpool:** Your child will need a carpool number. Please see Mrs. Carson in the front office on staggered entry if you need a carpool number. If you have other children here, your child will use the same carpool number.
- **Buses:** Bus stops must be requested by June 8th to ensure transportation on the first day of school. Every student will be tagged with his/her name, address, and bus stop. An adult must be present at the bus stop or your child will be returned to school. Bus tags need to be on book bags all year long.
- **YMCA:** Students will report to the cafeteria at the dismissal bell.
- **Daycare:** Daycare vans pick up children in the front of the carpool loop.



Transportation

- If you ever have to change your child's transportation, please send in a note or call the front office. Please call by 2:30. Early checkout must occur prior to 2:30 as well.
- Telling your child to tell us will not result in a change!
- Please do not use email for transportation changes. We do not always have access to our e-mail during the school day.



Conferences

- We will have conferences at the end of 1st and 3rd quarters. The 3rd quarter conference will be a student led conference.
- Interims will be given out at the five week mark of each quarter.
- Report cards will be given out at the end of each quarter.



Daily Folders

- Daily folders will be sent home each day. Please review all contents and return daily. We will do the same. If you have notes, money, or important information to get to school, please send it inside of the folder so that we will receive it. Please do not ask your child to hand us notes and money. We will get these items out of his/her folder.



Tuesday Folders

- We use Tuesday folders for sending home student work. These folders are used for the entire year and should be sent back to school the following day.
- The Tuesday folders may be a separate folder or the Daily folder.



Snack Time

- We have a snack time each day. Please send a small, healthy snack that can be consumed in 10-15 minutes. Great snacks to send in are fruit, granola bars, cheese and crackers, carrots, etc. If your child needs a utensil to eat his/her snack please make sure that you send one with the snack. Children are encouraged to bring water bottles and will have access to the classroom water fountain throughout the day. However, juice and other drinks are not permitted with snack as they cause stains and attract bugs.
- Please make sure that their snack is in a separate bag from their lunch box. Plastic containers only please-no glass. Only one snack please!



Get Involved!

- Please plan to volunteer with your child's class. We need volunteers for field trips, small groups, specials helpers, field day, etc. The online volunteer registration process can take up to a few weeks for approval. Please plan on signing up within the first few weeks of school. We will contact you with volunteer approval status after the first six weeks of school. You must be an approved volunteer to work in our school!



Absences

- Please send a email that day, or a note the following day. You can also use the MCES app to report your child's absence.
- Students can enter our classroom at 8:00. Our instructional day begins promptly at 8:30. Please make every effort to get your child here on time.



Staggered Entry

- Your child will come in on his/her assigned staggered entry day.
- Please make sure to send your child with a towel, small healthy snack, lunch money/lunchbox, and a backpack.
- Due to Covid - 19, staggered entry dates will be given at a later date. A MCES staff member will call you to give you the staggered entry date for your child.



Meet the Teacher

- The dates for Meet the Teacher will be given at a later time, due to Covid - 19.
- This is an adult only information session.
- You will learn specifics about Kindergarten and the classroom your child is in at this time.



Virtual Question and Answer Sessions

- We will host live virtual question and answer sessions for each track on Google Meet.
- They will start at 6:00 PM
- June 2nd - Track 1 and 3
- June 3rd - Track 2
- June 4th - Track 4
- Please use this meeting code to join:
<https://meet.google.com/vqe-pwqd-hku?hs=122&authuser=0>
- Phone Number: (US)+1 320-515-2075PIN: 988 363 548#
- If you are unable to join on your track's evening, please feel free to join on another evening.