



Dear K1 Families,

As your children's teachers for the upcoming school year, we wish to offer you a hearty welcome to the Perry School! While we've had the pleasure of already meeting many of you, we look forward to becoming much better acquainted as we accompany your child on the wonderful journey that is K1! As of this moment, we'll have a full class of students on opening day. We will touch upon the following topics in this letter:

- Meet and Greet**
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- School Uniforms**
- Breakfast, Lunch, Snack**
- Arrival and Dismissal Procedures**
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Meet and Greet

There will be a new family 'Meet and Greet' held on Friday, September 8th from 9:45 - 10:30 PM. Principal Rollins, K2 teacher Catherine Flores, and we will be available in the schoolyard to answer your questions and provide the children with an opportunity to play together.

First Day Of School

The first day of school for K1 students is Monday, September 11th this year.

School Uniforms

The children's uniforms consist of any type navy blue top and khaki or navy pants, skirts, shorts, jumpers or shorts. Due to the often-messy (but fun!) nature of our day in K1, we highly recommend that you lean towards navy t shirts, sweatpants or sweatshirts. For hygienic reasons, we also suggest Velcro rather than tie sneakers. Laces come undone, get walked on or dragged along the bathroom floors which the children then attempt to tie on their own.

Breakfast, Lunch Snack

Free breakfasts and lunches are provided if you wish to partake and a monthly menu detailing nutritional value will be sent home. We do ask that you send in a snack each day for your child to enjoy later in the day. There is an emphasis on healthy food although we will leave that to your discretion.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

School doors open at 9:15 each day so that your child may use the restroom or have breakfast before our day begins. On the first day of school, we will meet in the schoolyard and take that time to confirm any special instructions you may have for us. It is imperative that you let us know if your child will be a walker or a bus student and the adults who will be involved with pick up. Going forward, you may walk your child to the schoolyard door and he or she will be instructed by an adult there to go directly to our classroom at the top of the stairs. An adult will escort bus students from the bus to our classroom. Dismissal is at 4:00 each day although K1 and K2 leave a minute or two earlier to beat the rush of older children. Walkers will be lined up along the schoolyard wall and will be released as soon as we can identify the adult designated



for pick up. Please do not approach your child until we see you and give permission for your child to be dismissed. For safety sake, we have found this to be the best method.

Supplies, Backpacks etc..

While hesitant to ask, we are including a list of supplies that would help make our classroom run efficiently. If you choose to do so, please send these supplies in any time other than the first day of school to avoid confusion (i.e. the meet and greet, the second day of school or any time the following week.) These supplies include:

- 1 package glue sticks
- 1 roll scotch tape
- 1 container non-disinfectant wipes (i.e. for faces, hands)
- 1 bottle sanitizing gel
- 1 box tissues
- 1 roll paper towels
- 1 box large (quart size) Ziploc baggies
- 1 box small ziplock baggies
- 1 box crayons

(Thank you, in advance, for your contributions!)

Other personal necessities should include a large backpack and lunch box with your child's name clearly labeled inside. To that end, we also suggest you label with permanent marker any sweaters, sweatshirts, or baseball hats. Bathroom accidents are not uncommon in K1, so please send along a full set of clothes (bottoms, top, socks and undies) for your child in a labeled plastic bag. These do not have to be uniform colors.

We have been so looking forward to meeting all of you! We're confident your child will thrive and be very happy in our warm, loving classroom!

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the office at 617-635-8840. Have a wonderful August and see you soon!

Best,

Judy Nee and Katie Dwyer