

# Mrs. Scholten's Parent Packet

**\*\*Please read and  
then take home.**

## Kindergarten 2019

Hello! Here is some information that will hopefully help explain procedures and answer some questions.

How to get a hold of me...

My contact information is:

School phone (and voice-mail): 892-5580 x2185

School e-mail: [scholtenkel@apsfalcons.net](mailto:scholtenkel@apsfalcons.net)

\*All contact information is available on our district website: [www.allendale.k12.mi.us](http://www.allendale.k12.mi.us)

Class DoJo: This will be another way to message/communicate, it is by invitation only.

## School supplies

This is available on our school's website. If you need assistance getting school supplies for your child, please let me know.

Also, because we are at school all day and accidents of all kinds happen, please send a change of clothes in a large ziploc bag to be kept in your child's locker.

Our physical education teacher has requested that you also send a pair of CLEAN tennis shoes for gym class. Since our specials schedule will rotate, it might be a good idea to leave your gym shoes at school.

## Lunches

Each student will need to eat lunch at school when they come. You can send a lunch from home or buy a hot lunch at school. The hot lunch menu is on a monthly calendar. If your child wants to buy milk (white or chocolate) to go with their cold lunch, that is available too. The details are included on the lunch menu. Families have many options for payment.

The most common are paying in lump sums every so often or weekly. I will send home envelopes for lunch money every so often. There is also a way to pay online, see our district's webpage.

\*\*Breakfast is available to our students in the morning. If you are interested, see the details on the lunch menu.

## Snacks

We will have time for a snack every day. Since we usually have a later lunch time, it will be in the morning. I encourage you to think about healthy snacks. If there are any food allergies to be aware of in our class, I will let you know. And likewise, if your child has any food allergies, please discuss this with me.

Water...we do have a drinking fountain in our classroom that children are welcome to use throughout the day. Brains get thirsty! It is just fine if your child brings a water bottle to school. I have a couple of requests regarding this:

1. Nothing breakable, like glass, please.
2. Something that if it gets bumped over, it won't spill. The kind with the straw top or the pop top are great. Please no open cups, screw tops.
3. Only plain water.

## Arrival and Dismissal Time

Students should arrive at school between 8:35 and 8:44 a.m. Students can go directly to the playground where I will meet them at 8:44. Students should not arrive prior to 8:35 (unless they are eating breakfast -- 8:30 at the earliest for breakfast) because staff supervision is not available. There is a before and after daycare program called "Good Time Friends" available on school days. If you are looking for information on this, please let me know.

School is dismissed at 3:37. All students will go on their bus unless I have prior notification. If your child is getting picked up, please plan on coming into the building to sign your child out. I will drop them off to you personally in our designated area.

What if...there are special situations:

"I need to get my child out early at \_\_\_\_\_ for an appointment."

"Our \_\_\_\_\_ is picking my child up."

"My child is going to \_\_\_\_\_'s house after school."

Please let me know! It is very important that I know what the special circumstances are so we don't have any anxiety, tears, or questions. You can:

1. E-mail me. I will send you a quick confirmation e-mail to know that I received it. **OR**
2. Call the school during school hours, but BEFORE 3:00 and the school secretary will get me the message. **OR**
3. Send a note with your child.

## Homework

I am sensitive to the fact that your child will already have a lot of school! We have worked hard and your child will need time to REST and PLAY. Around December, we will also be adding in Kindergarten CAP books. You are always welcome to work with your child at home! If you would like alphabet or sight word flashcards, please let me know.

## Home/School Folders

All kindergarten students will be getting a red "Home/School Folder". I would like this to go back and forth from school every day. You can expect finished work, school notices, homework, my newsletter and all important information to come in this folder. Please look through the papers and then you can recycle them. If you have notes or paperwork, please send them through this folder. Instead of a classroom newsletter, I would like to send communication through our Class DoJo account.

## Classroom Expectations/Rules

Classroom Expectations:

1. Be respectful.
2. Be responsible.
3. Be ready to learn.

These are our school-wide expectations. We will spend a lot of time talking about expected behaviors at school. We will be working together every day during our morning meeting and end of day reflection to discuss problems and find solutions. It is not easy to learn how to live together! If things are exceedingly hard for your child, I will contact you

and we will make a plan on how to help things along. I want every child to be successful and different children learn this with different levels of support.

If something happens that is more serious or something happens outside of the classroom, parent(s) may be notified through our principal, Mr. Smolen, or our other support staff.

## Birthdays

We know that having a class to share a birthday with is special. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday at school, you may. Pick a day that is convenient for you around his/her birthday and let me know. If your treat is a food item, please note that our school policy is that treats need to be store-bought. You could also send in a non-food treat like a sticker, pencil, or something that reminds us of your child. If your child has a summer birthday, please feel free to pick a day during the school year. Sometimes a 1/2 year birthday celebration will work.

## Star Student

Each week a different child will be randomly selected to be the "star student." The week prior to your child's week I will send home the Star Student envelope with the directions and papers to fill out. This activity will help us get to know each other and is a wonderful springboard for oral language.

## Book Orders

Throughout the year I will send home book orders, approximately once a month to every six weeks. This is an optional opportunity to purchase children's books. Each book order will be marked with its due date. You will have the option to order and pay online (preferred method) or send money (either check or cash) to school with the paper order form. All books will be delivered about a week after the due date.

Thank you for reading this note! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. I am very willing to work with you to make this an outstanding kindergarten year for your child.

Mrs. Scholten