

May 4, 2021

Dear Parents,

Hello to Kindergarten parents for the 2021-2022 school year!

I'm looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you along with the children this next school year. I am a native Texan, and lived in the Dallas area for 26 years. I moved to New Mexico in 1990 when my husband and I were house parents at the New Mexico Baptist Children's Home for six years. My children are grown and live in New Mexico as well. I have taught school for 23 years with the last 2 being in Kindergarten which is my favorite grade to teach! I have taught 1st-4th grades previous to teaching Kindergarten. I have a Bachelors in Social Work, a teaching license for Kindergarten- 8th grade, and a Masters degree in Language, Literacy, and Socio Cultural Studies.

Our school day will begin at 7:40 A.M. each morning, and the tardy bell rings at 8:05 A.M. If students are driven to school, please make sure they arrive after 7:40 A.M. since nobody is on duty to watch them before this time. Temperatures are taken when a student is dropped off in the mornings and also when they get onto their bus in the mornings. The drop off of students is done in the front of the school on Sunset. Placards are given to parents to put in the front dash of their car by the windshield. We have breakfast starting around 8:00 A.M. in the classrooms. Recess will follow breakfast, with our reading and language arts block taking place until lunch time at 11:00 A.M.- 11:25 A.M. Students have another 15 minute recess after lunch, will get another temperature check, and we will have math beginning around noon. Our pull-outs, or special classes of P.E., Art, Music, and Library will usually begin around 2:00 P.M. All except Music lasts for around 50 minutes. Students wash their hands several

times during the day and always upon entering back into the classroom and before eating. You will receive an official daily schedule once school begins next school year. Kindergarten students will have a snack time around 3:00 P.M. Each student is responsible for bringing their own snack each day. Please send students with a water bottle each day.

I'm sending out a school supply list for next school year. ***Please make sure to send a change of clothes since Kindergarten students may have accidents from time to time. *** We have MANY restroom breaks throughout our Kindergarten days.

The bus students are loaded onto buses in the back of the school, and the car riding students are loaded into cars for pick up in the same spot they are dropped off in the mornings, in front of the school on Sunset.

I want to keep the lines of communication open between myself and the parents throughout the school year. My cell phone # is (505) 400-7788. I usually have my cell phone off during the class time, but I check it at lunch and in the afternoon. It's easiest for me to get texts, but you are welcome to call or send email as well. My school email is Tonjahendrix@mpschoools.net. I hope all of you have a safe and relaxing summer! I'm looking forward to our school year next year.

Sincerely,

Ms. Hendrix