



Mrs. Lappe's ABC'S of Kindergarten

A-Attendance/Arrival

Attendance- Student attendance is very important. Children may arrive at school any time after 7a.m. Children must be in the classroom by the 7:30 bell.

Arrival- any students that arrive between 7:00-7:20 will report to the gym. Grades K-8 have the option to walk laps in the gym while waiting for the bell to ring. The first few days of school I will greet them in the gym/show them where to put their backpacks and where to line up. Don't worry, it won't take them long to get in their routine! After a few days, they'll be able to line up/get to the classroom on their own. Any students that arrive after the 7:20 bell will then walk through the gym to get to our classroom.

B-Backpacks/Birthdays



Backpacks- Each child will need a backpack to carry home his/her papers. Please make sure the backpack is big enough to carry their folder, lunch box, and possibly a jacket. Your child's folder is vital to our daily routine and communication!

Please make sure to check it every evening, remove papers, and return it to school each day. Together we can help your child become more independent and organized!

Birthdays- We celebrate each child's birthday in Kindergarten (even our summer birthdays)! **Due to our school wellness policy, treats of any kind are not to be brought in for their birthdays.** Don't worry, we will still make it a special day for your child!



C-Church

This year, we will attend Mass on Fridays (unless there is a Holy Day on a different day during the week). Weekend attendance with your family at Mass will help with learning proper Mass behavior.

D-Dismissal

If there is a change in dismissal please send a note and place in your child's folder. The children sometimes get confused or are not certain how they are to go home, adds a lot of undue stress to the end of the day. At the end of the day, we walk the kids out to their cars, walk them to daycare, or see that they get on the bus.



E-Email

A great way to keep in touch with me for general questions or concerns is through e-mail. My e-mail address at school is: jlappe@evdio.org. **DO NOT USE E-MAIL for time sensitive notes such as changes in dismissal.**

F-Free Dress

We will have "Free Dress" days on the first Monday of each month. Dress on these days will still need to be appropriate for school. We will also have "Spirit Dress" days, and "theme shirt" days as well throughout the year. More information will be sent home with these dates!

G-Great Behavior/Grading

Great Behavior- I encourage great behavior in the classroom by using a "clip chart" system. This system is similar to a "stop light", where they begin each day on green. More information about our classroom behavior management system will be sent home at the beginning of the year.

Grading- Kindergartners will be individually assessed at the end of each quarter on certain skills. These skills will change each quarter; I will send home a list of skills that we will be focusing on at the beginning of each quarter.

H-Homework and Handbook



Homework: Please check your child's folder for homework assignments. I typically send homework two nights each week (Tuesdays and Thursdays). This may increase during the second semester of the school year to help prepare them for First Grade! Homework in Kindergarten helps teach the importance of school work! Homework is due the following school day, and it is very important that it is turned in on time. More information about homework will be given once it is introduced to the students.

Handbook: Please be sure to read the St. Philip Parent Handbook to review school policies and procedures.

I- I

I am very excited to be your child's teacher and look forward to meeting your child, as well as working with you to help your child grow and learn. This will be my 10th year of teaching. I have taught 1st grade for 7 years, and this will be my third year teaching kindergarten!

J- Journals/Jackets

Journals- We will keep a writing journal throughout the year. We begin the year by learning how to label/write simple words. By the end of the year, your child will be writing 5 or more sentences on their own about a topic! The growth will be AMAZING!

Jackets- Please put your child's name on the tag inside of their jacket. As colder weather arrives, jackets tend to go "missing" and it helps tremendously if their name is inside!

K-Kindness

Students in our classroom are encouraged and expected to treat others with kindness and respect. We have many lessons to aid in your child's social-emotional development.



L-Lunch

This year, we eat in the cafeteria with the 1st and 2nd grade. Students have the option of bringing a lunch from home, or eating the school lunch. When sending in your child's lunch money, please put your child's name on the outside of the envelope along with my name. Please place the envelope in your child's folder.

It would be helpful if your child could open all of the items at lunch.



Lunchables, Gogurts, juice pouches, fruit cups, etc. are usually difficult for children to open. If your child chooses to bring these items to school, please help him/her open them independently.

Your child will also have a 3-digit lunch number that they will need to memorize. These will be sent home at the beginning of the year. As they go through the lunch line, they will tell the cafeteria workers their number; this is how they keep track of their lunch accounts. If your child ever brings their lunch from home, they will not need to know their number for that day; ONLY if they are eating the school lunch.

M-Math

In Math we will be using a hands-on approach to teach the Indiana standards. We have a daily calendar routine which works on many math skills.

N-Newsletter

A newsletter will be sent home on Fridays to provide you with information for the upcoming week. Please be sure to check this information for important happenings and dates!

O-Outside Play

We go outside for recess twice daily, once in the morning and then again after lunch. We go outside even when it is pretty cold, so please send a jacket or coat to school on days that may be cool/cold.



P-Prayers

We learn the Sign of the Cross, Meal prayer, Our Father, and Hail Mary this year. Please help by praying these at home before bed or at meal time.



Q-Questions

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I am quick to respond to email at jlappe@evdio.org; however, I typically do not answer emails that are sent after 3:00 until the following school day 🐼.

R-Reading



MY FAVORITE! As the year begins, your child will be learning the letters of the alphabet and sounds. We will also learn many sight words. In addition, I teach specific decoding strategies. I will meet your child where they are in their reading journey and move them forward. Reading books that are sent home and having a regular storytime at home is instrumental in helping your child succeed!

S-Snack/Specials/Sight Words/Shoes

Snack- We have a morning snack each day so please send in a healthy and simple snack for them to enjoy daily. Again, please help your child learn to open the snack he/she brings to school each day.



Specials- We attend a “specials” class everyday in Kindergarten! These specials are: P.E, Music, Art, Technology, and Library.



Sight Words-We will be learning over 30 sight words this year! Each week, I will introduce 2-3 new words to them. They will be assessed over a particular list of words at the end of each quarter. It is extremely important to practice these at home with your child this year in order for them to become a better reader!

Shoes- I understand that in Kindergarten, most kids have not mastered tying their own shoelaces. If your child has trouble with this, please send them in Velcro shoes until they have mastered tying their shoes 🐼. I want all students to be safe, as untied shoes can cause them to trip/fall throughout the day.

T- Tardiness

The homeroom bell rings at 7:30. Students arriving to school or into homeroom after 7:30 a.m. but before 9:00 a.m. will be counted tardy. The only excused tardies are illness and medical appointments, such as doctor or dentist.

U-United

Kindergarten is always a huge year for young children! We are very blessed at St. Philip school to have such caring and involved parents. Please know that you will be a key factor in the success and happiness of your child's first experience in school. We appreciate all that you contribute toward helping us help them. **TOGETHER** we make the difference! UNITED we can face any obstacles that come our way!

V-Vacations

I understand that some families take vacations during the school year, and want to take their child's school work with them. It would be very helpful to know in advance so I can gather materials for them while they are gone! I appreciate your help with this!

W-Writing/Water Bottles

Writing- It is important your child is able to recognize their first and last name. In addition, they also need to be able to write their name with the first letter capitalized and the rest printed in lowercase. We will learn to write alphabet letters and words with the correct size, spacing, and formation. We will also learn how to write sentences and eventually stories!



Water Bottles – Your child will need to bring a water bottle to school each day. **It would be extremely helpful if the water bottle has a flip top to avoid spills.** Please make sure your child's water bottle is labeled with his/her name.

X- X-tra clothes and eXperience

eXtra clothes- **Please send in extra clothes with your child, especially if he/she has bathroom issues.** There have also been instances where a child spills their milk/food at lunch, and might need a change of clothes. We typically leave these clothes in the backpack until we need them.

eXperience- Please remember that all kids come to school with all different levels of experience. Don't worry if your child is behind or ahead at this point!

Y-YOU

You are an important part of your child's education. I look forward to working with **YOU** to make this year a special one for **YOUR** child! Feel free to reach out to me at any time! 🐼

Z-ZZZZZs



Make sure your child gets plenty of rest. A kindergarten room is a busy place and you will probably find your child exhausted at the end of the day. Please be aware your child will be very tired the first few weeks of school, this is completely normal.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child this year! It's going to be a great year!

