

Dear Kindergarten Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our new school year! I am very excited to welcome your child to our class. I have provided some information below about how our classroom works. After you review, should you have any questions please contact me at

First Day of School

On our first day of school your child will be dropped off at the main doors where I, or a staff member, will walk your child to our classroom. This is our first step to becoming independent students at school!

First Day of School Pick Up

Please fill out [First Day of School Transportation Form](#) to let me know how your child will go home on the first day of school. It is a 12pm dismissal and there is NO ASP.

If your child will be a car rider, please wait along the sidewalk as I will dismiss each child individually. This is for the safety of my students as I ensure that they are with their correct adult. It will take a few extra minutes and I appreciate your patience.

Contact

My primary form of communication is email at JBickham@st-ann-school.org. I do my best to answer in a timely manner, so please email me if there is something you need to communicate. You can include a note in your child's homework folder, which is emptied each morning, to connect as well. I am also available for scheduled meetings in person or on the phone before and after school.

Our class keeps me very busy throughout the day! If there is something that needs to be addressed urgently, contact the main office at 609-882-8077 and the message will get to me.

Transportation

Your child should be aware of the way s/he is going home each day (bus, car rider, or ASP). **If you need to change the way your child will go home from**

school please send a note in his/her homework folder or email me before the start of the day.

If a change occurs when the school day has started you must call the office and the message will be sent to me. This is extremely important because your child's transportation and safety going home is of utmost importance to me. Please help me to make sure I have your child in the correct place every afternoon.

Homework

Kindergarteners will have written homework Monday-Thursday and are expected to begin reading to an adult for five minutes a day by November. Homework will begin later in September. An adult should read directions and oversee the quality of the work but your child should be able to accomplish it independently. Completed homework should then be put into the homework folder and returned to school the next day.

Money

All money that comes to school should be placed in your child's homework folder and in an envelope labeled with your child's name, grade, and the destination. For example:

John Jones-Kindergarten

\$5 Lunch

This format will help me make sure that all payments and donations are going to the correct place.

Snack/Lunch

- Snack time will take place in the morning and should be brought from home. It should be one healthy item and a drink.
- Lunch is eaten in the cafeteria and can be brought from home or purchased. All lunches from home must be ready to eat as it cannot be heated at school.
- Purchased food, or Hot Lunch, is through [The Lunchbox by Fontana](#). If your child is purchasing Hot Lunch, s/he should be aware of this in the morning to place the order in our classroom.

- The lunch menu is posted on the website monthly: [September 2023 Lunch Menu](#)

Birthdays

- Each child will have the opportunity to celebrate his/her birthday in school. Children with summer birthdays will celebrate “half birthdays” at their 6 month mark.
- Parents can drop off treats in the morning at the front office. All treats should be individually prepared or wrapped (cupcakes, hot pretzels, cookies, etc.).
- Please be aware of food allergies such as peanuts and tree nuts when sending in treats.
- Celebrations will take place at snack time and then our school day will continue.
- Invitations can be distributed at school for birthday parties **ONLY** if there is one for each child. Please fill out the [Contact Sharing Form](#) if you would like to have your information shared with other parents in the class.

Weekly Newsletter

An email newsletter will be sent at the end of the week describing to you what concepts were covered and events that occurred in our classroom. Please look for it to keep you informed on what we are up to!

Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to working with your family and making this a truly exciting year full of academic and social growth!

Mrs. Jennifer Bickham