

# Welcome to Kindergarten

Dear Kindergarten Parents/Guardians,

Hello and welcome to kindergarten and Room 174. My name is Kathleen O'Brien, and I will be your child's kindergarten teacher this year. I am so excited to officially welcome you and your child into our classroom family. Kindergarten is such a special time full of wonderful opportunities for learning and growth, new friendships, and lots of fun. I cannot wait to get started!

This time of year can be very exciting, but also very busy! Here is some information to help you as you prepare for the start of the school year:

- Your child will need a **standard size backpack** that can easily fit a folder, library book, water bottle, and container/bag to hold a daily snack. Smaller, preschool/toddler backpacks will not be large enough.
- **All snacks should be nut free** and easy for students to open and eat independently and quickly.
- Students may bring a water bottle that can be easily (but tightly) closed.
- Clearly label all personal items (backpacks, coats/jackets, hats, gloves, etc.)
- Students will need the following supplies. **All supplies should be brought to school on Orientation Day!**
  - one **plastic** two pocket folder **with prongs** (labeled with your child's name)
  - one 4-pack of Expo markers
  - one 24-pack of Crayola crayons
  - one pair of headphones (**not** ear buds) removed from packaging and placed in Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name
  - one box of tissues
  - AM-** one container of Lysol/Clorox wipes, one box of **gallon** Ziploc bags
  - PM-** one container of Wet Ones **or** hand sanitizer pump dispenser, one box of **quart** Ziploc bags
- Please note the following important dates:
  - New Family Ice Cream Social- Thursday, August 22 from 6:00-7:30pm
  - Kindergarten Orientation- Thursday, August 29 from 9:30-11:30am
  - First Day of School- Tuesday, September 3
  - Kindergarten Back to School Night- Tuesday, September 10
    - **AM- 6:30pm**
    - **PM- 7:30pm**

I am looking forward to working with you to ensure that your child has a great school year. I strongly believe that communication and a team mindset are essential parts of working together to help your child succeed. Please feel free to email me with any questions prior to the start of school at [kobrien@cbsd.org](mailto:kobrien@cbsd.org).

All the best,  
Kathleen O'Brien