

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Here is some information to help you start the 2017-2018 school year!

*****Backpack-** your child should have some kind of a backpack or bag to bring to school each day. This is an excellent habit to start.

*****School supplies-** Here is a list of supplies your child will need at school:
PENCILS, 16 or 24 COUNT CRAYONS, PENCIL BOX, GLUE STICK, 70 COUNT SPIRAL NOTEBOOK, and a folder (the poly/plastic ones last the longest. If you are unable to purchase these items—they will be given to your child at the beginning of the school year.

*****Other supplies-** Our classroom also uses the following items: BABY WIPES, KLEENEX, ZIPLOCK STORAGE BAGS OF ANY SIZE and PAPER TOWELS. If you can donate any of these items that would be great.

*****Lunch-** We have lunch every day. We also have snack in the morning or afternoon, the time depends on our lunch schedule. I will let you know at the beginning of the school year.

***For lunch your child can: a) buy school lunch, (milk included).
b) Students bring their own lunch and buy milk.
c) Students bring their own lunch and drink.

*** Tell your child what they are doing for lunch---they often get snack mixed up with cold lunch---(when they should have had hot lunch for the day) – or send in a note letting the me know—this is important for the beginning of the year until your child gets used to all the questions about lunch.

*****Breakfast/Snack-** Breakfast is served every day, so our snack time will depend on when our lunch time is. ***Children bring in their own snack and drink everyday! This makes it easier for parents to monitor what their child has for snack. Remember this should be just a **snack** not a meal. Try not to send in pop or snacks with too much sugar. If your child does not have a snack they will be given crackers and water. They will not be able to purchase milk, snacks or other drinks from the cafeteria or vending machines for snack.

*****Mealtime-** the cafeteria uses a computerized program called Mealtime. You need to deposit money into your child's account if they will be buying lunch or milk at school. Most parents write a check to North Adams –Jerome Schools or they send in cash, for whatever they want to deposit (\$10, \$20, etc...). When your child's account gets low they send home a note to let you know. Please put \$/or check in an envelope with your child's name, grade level and what the \$ is for so their will be no mix ups. If possible, we send home a mealtime envelope stapled to the low balance note for you to return \$ for lunches.

*****Personal Items-** Backpacks, lunch boxes, coats, other clothing and items need to be labeled with your child's initials or name. This will help us locate the correct owner if things get misplaced.

*****Transportation-** Please let us know where your child will be picked up and dropped off---if this has changed from Kindergarten round-up time. Inform the office as soon as you know, we will tell the bus driver. I walk the students out to the buses so I need to know which bus your child will be riding home on. **If anything changes in your child's schedule, we need a note or phone call to the school 287-4278. We will not release your child to anyone different, or drop them off at a different location unless we have been informed by the parent/guardian.**

For information about what bus and the approximate time they will be picked up and dropped off---Call the bus barn at 287-4212. This information is usually available a week before school starts.

*****Please contact the school if your child will NOT be riding s bus.**

*****Bus tags-** Your child will have a bus tag when they leave school on the first day. It only takes a couple of days and the drivers know your child. They are very careful with the young ones. If there is a problem with pick up or drop off, please let us know.

*******The first day of school can be upsetting for some children and parents. Plan on sending your child on the bus, if this will be the normal routine, especially if you think your child might get upset. Often when they ride the bus they start to feel more comfortable around other children. You can always meet them at school and take pictures when they get here.**

OPEN HOUSE- this has not been set yet. Check our school website for this information.

*****The first day of school is scheduled for Wed. August 23, 2017.**

***** Our school website is www.najps.org**

***** On the first day of school---your child may bring in their favorite stuffed animal.** This helps the students feel more comfortable on the first day!!

I am looking forward to the start of 2017-2018 school year!!!!

Let's have fun and learn together,
Kindergarten Teacher- Mrs. Weber