

ABC's of Kindergarten!
Ms. Thornton and Ms. Ashlee
Pepperell Primary School

A

Arrival-The doors of the school open at 7:15 a.m. Your child can be let off in the car line in front of the school. He/she will be allowed to go to the lunchroom and eat breakfast or he/she will be helped to his/her classroom immediately upon arrival at school. Your child should be **sitting** in his/her classroom NO LATER than 7:50. All children arriving in their classroom AFTER the 8:00 am tardy bell will be considered tardy for the day. That is why it will be especially important for your child to arrive EARLIER if they plan to have breakfast.

After School Care-Pepperell Primary will offer After School Care at this time. Parents will be notified if there is a change in ASC procedures. After School Care will be offered 3:30-6:00 p.m. each day for the fee of \$10 per day for the first student and \$3 for each additional sibling. Forms are provided for you to fill out at Open House or in the office at other times. You have to **pre-pay** for ASC. If your child is not picked up by 3:30, he or she will be placed in ASC, and you will be charged a fee.

Art Class-Your child will attend art class every week. Our art teacher is Mrs. Hudson

Ms. Ashlee- She will be our paraprofessional in the classroom this year. She is excited for this school year and ready to help your child learn.

B

Backpacks-Your child's backpack should **be big enough** to hold a coat, folder, and change of clothes. Backpacks help children keep up with their belongings. They will be taught to pack and unpack their own folders each morning. Please be aware that we do NOT check backpacks, but we check folders every morning.

Behavior Log-A behavior log will be in your child's folder each week. Please review and initial your child's behavior log each night and return it to school inside your child's folder each day. If a student receives five smiley faces on his/her weekly behavior log, he/she will get to pick a prize from our class treasure box each Friday before dismissal.

BE Expectations-These are the rules every child is expected to follow : Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible.

Birthdays-You may send **store bought, sealed** cupcakes or cookies for the class on your child's

birthday.

Bus-In district students are eligible to ride the bus to and from school. Bus registration forms must be filled out and given to the bus driver. Please let me know if your child will ride the bus home from school. Riding the bus is a privilege and improper behavior is not tolerated. Your child will have a bus tag on his/her backpack; PLEASE do not remove this tag. This will ensure that your child gets placed on the correct bus.

Breakfast-Students will have the option of eating breakfast upon arrival at school each morning. Breakfast is served each morning beginning at 7:15. Please be sure your child arrives at school early enough to eat and be ready to work by 8:00 am each morning. Breakfast will cost \$1.00 this year.

Breakfast/ Lunch Money-Breakfast will cost \$1.00 and lunch will cost \$2.25 a day. Please go online at floydboe.net and apply for free and reduced lunch.

C

Car Line Cards-You will get a card with your child's name on it to place in your car window. Anyone who picks your child up in the car line will need this card. If the card is not in the window, you will be asked to enter the building and show proper ID before picking up your child. Extra cards are available for a charge of \$1.00. All children will receive 2 free cards at the beginning of each school year.

Change of Clothes-Please send a complete change of clothes to be kept in your child's backpack (don't forget socks and underwear). These clothes will be used in the event of a bathroom accident, muddy playground, or art activity mess (paint, etc). Please send the complete change of clothes in a gallon size Ziplock bag labeled with your child's name; they will be kept inside your child's backpack, so please do not take them out at home.

Clothing-Please dress your child in comfortable clothing that is appropriate for Kindergarten. We sit on the carpet every day. Please keep this in mind if you send your child in a dress, as she will need to wear shorts under her dress. Keep in mind that your child will be going to the bathroom by himself/herself. Make sure clothing is easy for him or her to take off and put on without help. Overalls and lots of buttons can be difficult for little fingers.

Communication-Communication between home and school is very important. If you need to speak to me, use Parentsquare, you can call the school at 706-236-1835, email me at pthornton@floydboe.net, or you can write me a quick note and place it inside your child's green folder. The folder is our best communication tool. We check folders every single day. I check email each morning and usually once or twice more during the school day.

Conferences-Parent conferences are a great way to learn about what your student has been learning and what they need to work on. I can't wait to share all this with you!

D

Discipline Plan-Classroom expectations (rules) are set during a class discussion. Our main concern is that we establish a safe and healthy learning environment for each child. We try to remain positive about a child's behavior by having a reward system in place. If we encounter a behavior problem that we think you should be aware of, we will make sure to write a note on your child's daily behavior log that will be kept inside your child's take home folder. **Please initial the note so that I will know you saw it**, and please talk with your child about what he/she could do in order to correct the problem. I do not write notes about everything that happens during our day, so please know that **no news is good news**.

Dismissal-Dismissal is at 2:40 each day. Please do not come to the office to pick your child up during our dismissal times. No way home changes will be made after 2:00 pm. Your child will go to After School Care if not picked up by 3:30, and you will then be charged a fee. Be sure to fill out the After School Care information in case you ever have an emergency and need to use this privilege. **If your child's mode of transportation ever changes from what you filled out on the transportation form during Open House, we MUST have a note.** If we do not receive a note in your child's take home folder, your child will go home the normal way. Thank you for your help to ensure that your child gets home safely each day.

E

Email-You can email me at pthornton@floydboe.net

Emergency Contact Info-You will need to list at least two working phone numbers where you can be reached in case of illness or an emergency and two more emergency contacts in case you cannot be reached. Please make sure we always have a working/current number.

F

Fire Drills-Your child will participate in several fire drills throughout the school year. We will practice the procedures before our first fire drill so that our class will be prepared and know what to expect.

G

Good Behavior-This will be celebrated once a month! There is a special FUN incentive each month, YOU do not want to miss it!

H

Homework-It will be beneficial to practice sight words and read with your child each night. As the year progresses, we will also send a form home each week.. It will include important key skills to practice each night.

I

Ice Cream-Ice cream is sold for \$1.00. Please send money in an envelope/zip lock bag labeled with your child's name inside his/her take home folder! We will not start getting ice cream right away; we will let you know when to start sending money for ice cream. Ice cream is only available on Fridays. I only accept \$1 a week, I will not accept more because of absences and it's hard to keep up with how much each student has and when we need to roll it over.

I.D.-Please be prepared to show your ID any time you enter the school. This is for your child's safety!

Illness-If a student becomes sick at school, you will be called to pick your child up. Please ensure we have working phone numbers in case of an emergency! Please do not send your child to school sick. If your child is throwing up or has a fever, please keep them at home.

J

Jacket-Please make sure students wear a jacket! Our room stays cold year round. You might want to pack a lightweight jacket .

K

Kindergarten Kindness-We encourage our students to be kind to their classmates and others throughout the kindergarten year.

Kleenex-These are always needed, and we can never have enough. Please donate what you can!

L

Library-Mrs. Allison Watson is our Librarian! We will have a weekly library activity time! If books are sent home this year, please make sure your child keeps up with them. ALWAYS put books back in your child's backpack after reading them.

Lunch-Our lunch time is 11:56 - 12:26. At this time, we are allowing some visitors in the building to eat lunch, however, you will need to sign up on the PPS website to get an appointment for this as we can only have so many each day. Children can bring their lunch or purchase a lunch from our lunchroom.

M.

Money-All money sent to school should be in an **envelope/zip lock bag labeled with your child's name, teacher's name, amount of money, and what the money's for** (lunch, field trip, ice cream, book fair, book order, fundraiser...). **The envelope/zip lock bag containing money should be placed INSIDE YOUR CHILD'S TAKE HOME FOLDER.**

Music Class-Mrs. Rachel Pack is our music teacher. Your child will have music each week.

N

Notes-Please send all notes in your child's take home folder. Check your child's folder nightly for notes from school or the office, also.

Nurse-Our school nurse is Mrs. Claudia Burkhalter and Mrs. Anna Walsh. She will be at school on a part time basis.

O

Outside-We will have outside time daily, weather permitting. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather.

P

Paraprofessional- Our Parapro in our classroom is Ms.Ashlee Allen. This is her first year in my classroom and she can not wait to help all of our new students learn and grow.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence-Each morning we recite the pledge of allegiance and observe one minute of silence.

Physical Education-Our PE teacher is Mrs. Trina Burnette. Your child will attend PE class each week. Please make sure your child wears tennis shoes on the days they go to PE.

Q

Quietly- We move around the building quietly so we do not disturb any other classrooms.

R

Recess-We will have outside time daily, weather permitting. Please dress your child

appropriately for the weather.

S

Supply List-A supply list will be sent home with each student.

Schedule- our daily and activity schedule will be posted on my google classroom and teacher website as soon as they are finalized.

I

Thornton- That's ME! I am your child's teacher, Ms. Paige Thornton. I have been working in Kindergarten for the last 11 years and I love it. I can not wait to help your child learn and grow this year!

Treasure Box-We have a class treasure box. Please send any small toys, candy, or stickers to contribute to this.

U

Unique-Each child in our class is unique. We do our very best to form a relationship and meet the needs of each student.

V

Valuable-That's what you are! You are your child's first teacher. We will work together to make sure your child progresses in every way possible this school year!

W

Website-Our school has a website that you can access from www.floydboe.net, Select Pepperell Primary School, then staff pages, and click my name. You can view our class calendar. Our class newsletter, photos of class activities, and other links are available, as well.

Wish List-In addition to our supply list, we would be very grateful if you wish to donate any of the following items:

- Paper Towels
- Hand Soap
- Treasure box prizes
- Snacks

X

X-tra-Any extra Happy Meal prizes, and Dollar Tree/Target Dollar Spot prizes would be

appreciated for our class treasure boxes. We will use these treats as rewards for our students.

Y

Y-You are your child's first teacher. Thank you for all your help/support with academics as well as behavior at home!

Z

ZZZ-NO NAP TIME! Please be prepared for your child to be especially tired the first few days! Kindergarten is fast paced and very tiring!