

Welcome to Kindergarten!

WEB PAGE

- Check on Fridays for important class information. Go to <http://ses-kinder.weebly.com>

SEESAW

- I will send announcements, a weekly newsletter (Fridays), and reminders on the Seesaw Family App throughout the week. Please download the SEESAW FAMILY app on your phone and/or tablet and set it to receive notifications. www.web.seesaw.me

EMAIL

- Mrs. Shacklett's e-mail address is bshacklett@stedward.org.
- Check your email and Seesaw often for school announcements. If there is an urgent message, call the office.
- If it can wait all day, e-mail me or message me on Seesaw, and I will take care of it when I have a break or right after school.
- If you need to schedule a conference, message me, and I will be glad to meet with you after 3:20 or during my planning period by appointment only.

FRIDAY NEWS

- * Will send work home on Fridays paper clipped together.
- * Class Newsletter will go home.
- * Friday Seesaw Announcement will go out to parents.
- * Behavior sheet or email/message will be sent home

CLASSROOM HOURS

- School begins at **7:50 a.m.** and concludes at **3:00 p.m.**
- Gym Morning Care is 7:00-7:30am. It will cost you to attend.
- **Kindergarten Dropoff:** Park in the first parking lot coming into school and walk your child up the stairs to the teacher at the door if you arrive between 7:30-7:50am. They may walk alone up the steps when you feel comfortable with that. They do not have to be signed in. Temperatures will be taken before they walk in and mid day.
- Between 7:30-8:00am, we will play with individual morning tubs or complete morning work.

REMEMBER TO BRING DAILY

- Mask
- Water bottle
- Lunch

BRING MONDAYS

- Rest time towel or blanket-washed
- Gallon sized bag of 5 snacks
- If you forget to send something, you can leave it in the school office.
- You may be called to come back if you forget a mask or lunch.
- Students arriving after 7:50 a.m. are tardy and must report with a parent directly to the school office to sign in and get a late slip before walking to the classroom.

MASS

- We will attend mass every Tuesday first semester.
- If you arrive after 7:55am, please walk your child to the doors at the back of the church and sign them in.
- Children are not sitting with their parents during mass.

LUNCH

- We will wash our hands before and after lunch.
- We will eat outside or in the classroom.
- Water bottles will be used as drinks for lunch and other times.
- Send items that can be opened easily by your child, ex. Thermos.
- Open things and put them in baggies if they can't open them.
- Don't send messy things they might spread all over the table.
- They must be able to know how to use their water bottle.
- Consider using brown lunch sacks to send lunch in.
- Clean your child's lunch box daily.
- Bring healthy lunch choices, not junk food. A bread, vegetable and/or fruit, dairy, and protein is a well-rounded lunch.
- Must be peanut and tree nut free. No peanut butter, peanuts, almonds, pecans.

RECESS

- We will play outside before lunch as long as it isn't raining or below 32 degrees.
- They will take their water bottles outside if they get thirsty.
- They will stay distanced and play only with children in our class.

- They may choose to take their mask off or leave it on.

SNACK

- They will be allowed to bring a healthy, mess-free snack to eat in class around 1pm every day.
- No sugary or junk food snacks, drinks, or messy snacks allowed.
- Appropriate snack examples are apples, crackers, pretzels, animal crackers, raisins, and goldfish. No candy. Do not send a snack that requires a spoon or fork. You need to send in a week's worth of snacks on Monday to keep in a sealed gallon size Ziploc bag in their cubby.
- **It needs to be peanut and tree nut free!** No pecans, walnuts, peanuts, almonds, etc. allowed for the safety of children with severe allergies in our class and other classes.

REST TIME

- We will have a short rest time around 1-2pm every day.
- Send in a child sized beach towel or small blanket labeled with his/her name on Mondays.
- They will go home on Friday to be washed or whenever it is dirty.
- Please do not send in sleeping toys like tag blankets, dolls, or stuffed animals.
- Your child will be encouraged to rest during this time. They do not have to sleep. Our day is so busy that most children need this quiet time.

DISMISSAL

- The students must stay with their group or class until their car # is called. We cannot release a child while cars are in motion.
- If your child is not picked up by the end of dismissal, he/she will wait in aftercare, and you will be charged a fee.
- If your child is going to aftercare, Mrs. Shacklett will walk them there after school.

EXTRA CHANGE OF CLOTHES

- Bring an extra change of clothes in a gallon size Ziploc bag in case of an accident. Please have it as close to the uniform as possible.
- Please return clean clothes the next day.
- Label all school sweatshirts, sweaters, lunchboxes, coats, etc. with their name.

UNIFORMS

- Check the student handbook for important information about our uniform policy.
- If a student does not follow the uniform guidelines, your child will receive a warning and get a note home.
- Only uniform sweatshirts with the SES logo are allowed to wear in the classroom.
- Shoes have to be all white, brown, black, or the uniform saddle shoes.
- Crew socks have to be plain white with no ruffles or designs.
- Students may wear shorts during the months of August, September, October, April, and May.

SICKNESS POLICY

- Please check our policy in the school handbook and reopening plan.

BIRTHDAYS

- We will sing, and the birthday child will get a treat bag on their birthday. No treats can be brought in.

PROGRESS REPORTS

- Your child will bring home work that is completed on Fridays.
- The first formal progress report will be given in October at Parent-Teacher conferences.
- If I have concerns, I will contact you. If you have questions about progress, you can email me at any time.

HOMEWORK

- You should spend at least 10 minutes per night reading together.
- Sight word lists and other skills will be sent home to practice.

SPECIAL CLASSES

- Art and Music teachers will come to the classroom, and PE will be outside twice a week.
- They need appropriate athletic type shoes for PE days.

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Morning message and sing letter songs
- Weekly sight words
- Read aloud books and poetry
- Our reading mostly follows our theme of the week, science, social studies,

and author studies.

- I differentiate learning in language arts by reading level. We will do individual word work binders, listening on ipads, writing, and read mini leveled books during center time.
- In Phonics, we will review letters, sounds, reading cvc words, word families, and stretching out words to spell. I use the Orton Gillingham Phonics First program to teach each letter and Heggerty for phonemic awareness.

MATH

- Calendar
- Ipad apps
- Math interactive notebooks
- Math game binders
- Number talks and teach using the 8 mathematical practices
- Hands-on lessons to teach how to use math tools, subitizing, numbers, counting, patterns, fractions, adding and subtracting, money, time, etc.

WRITING WORKSHOP

- Write and draw in journals.
- Learn how to label, draw with details, write sentences, and make books through writing workshop mini lessons.
- Write weekly using our theme, artwork, and journal writing.

HANDWRITING

- Correct formation of letters
- Writing your first and last name and all letters using correct capital and lowercase formation.
- Practice writing at home with wipe off boards, shaving cream, sand trays, chalkboards, finger paints, etc.

RELIGION

- *Promise* program by Phlaum, which follows the weekly gospel.
- Mass on Tuesdays
- Prayer table in the classroom with mini bible story lessons from the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program

SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES

- Science experiments, science journals, read books, and go outside for school garden lessons.
- Learn about special people, ourselves, and the world around us.

- Weekly social skills lesson that enhances our classroom community and brings up any problems that the children need help solving.

BOOK ORDERS

- I will send home Scholastic book orders at the beginning of each month. You will have one week to order online. The books will be sent to the classroom to be given to the child.

HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED

1. Help your child stay organized.

- Teach them to get their things ready for school the night before. Lay out uniform, mask, prepare lunch, set out water bottle, etc.
- Check that your child has everything before leaving the house and getting out of the car.
- Return things to school on time.

2. Keep your child healthy.

- Make sure they get 8-9 hours of sleep every night.
- Feed your child a healthy breakfast before school.
- Make sure your child has a snack in their cubby daily.

3. Make sure your child gets to school on time.

- Kindergarteners need time to put their things away and play before we start our busy day.
- They have anxiety when they are late.
- They don't want to miss out on anything.

4. Be active in your child's education.

- Ask about their day.
- Spend 10-15 minutes per day reading to your child.
- Do homework together and study sight words.
- Keep up to date on the events in the classroom.
- Read the Seesaw messages, emails, newsletter, and website.
- Keep the teacher informed of any questions or concerns you may have.