

# Welcome to Little Llama Kindergarten!



We will be in touch soon about our Kindergarten Welcome, where you can drop by, meet the team and view the classrooms. Until then, here are some tidbits to help your child transition to Kindergarten!

- ★ Kindergarten hours are 8:30-2 M-Th and 8:30-12 on Fridays. The classroom opens at 8 for a soft start and morning choice activities at the tables. This is a quiet, calm time for the children to transition from home to school. Please make an extra effort to be at school BEFORE 8:30. It takes a few moments to park and walk in, so please allow for that time and to still get your child to school on time. I do take attendance at 8:30 everyday. All families are to enter the school building from the front of the building and then walk down the stairs to our classroom. On a typical school morning, please have all the goodbyes and hugs complete by the time we clean up and gather on the carpet.
- ★ On the topic of goodbyes... they can be hard. If your child is struggling with a goodbye, please make it meaningful and swift. The longer the goodbye lingers, the longer the child is living in the anxiousness of that time arriving. From time to time, there can be tears on the first day of Kindergarten, and I will receive

your child with love and compassion. Please do not let this doubt your goodbye. All will be well. I will contact you if any distress continues during the morning!

- ★ Once our students have adjusted, parents are welcome to volunteer in the classroom. This takes about six weeks to establish and get into routines. After six weeks, you are welcome to join us! The best times to volunteer are in the morning during work time from 8:30-9:30 or in the late afternoon between 12:30-2. Having parents present at school can be a distraction for some students. Make sure to encourage independence and socialization in your child if you are able to volunteer! I will work with you to make sure it is a beautiful experience for everyone.
- ★ Please leave all toys and stuffies at home. They cause distraction and fairness issues. Be sure to prepare your child for this before school starts. If they bring something with them in the car, please leave it in the car and do not have your child bring it all the way to the classroom. We will start to have “share” days once we have routines and procedures in place.
- ★ It is important that your child have a hearty snack and lunch. I encourage healthy foods that your child will eat. Please, no candy, soda, or treats at school. If you need ideas, please let me know! I have a couple picky kiddos, so I know how hard it can be! Out of abundance of caution, we do not share food in Kindergarten. Please do your best to send food in packaging that your child can open.
- ★ Celebrating your birthday in Kindergarten is so much fun! We hold our birthday circles at the end of the day. Due to the variety of food sensitivities and family food choices, I am requesting that if you would like to send in a “treat” for your child’s birthday, that it be 100% fruit popsicles. Let’s work together so your child feels special and no one is left out.
- ★ Please bring a water bottle to school! My goal is to train the children to keep their water bottles in their cubbies and out at recess, so they always have access to water. If you have not yet found one, please look for sport tops or flip straw tops. That

way, if/when they spill, we do not have an entire water bottle's worth of water to clean.

- ★ A note about shoes: Please make sure your child can take their own shoes both on and off. Take them with you when buying new shoes and ask them to put them on themselves. There are times we will take off our shoes (or they fall off), and the children need to be independent in putting on shoes.
- ★ Please let me know anything that you feel pertinent regarding bathrooming for your child. It is important that you help build their independence in this area. For example, they should be able to put on and take off their clothing to use the restroom. They should be able to verbalize when they need to go. They should be able to wipe and clean themselves. If your child is prone to accidents, please let me know and also provide a few extra pairs of clothing.
- ★ Each child has a cubby space. Children will hang up their backpacks and keep water bottles, food, and a change of clothes in their cubby.
- ★ If your child is going to our after school program, Ravenwolf, please let me know! I encourage you to not rely on your child to relay that information. If someone other than a parent is picking up, please let me know. I want to be sure all the children get where they need to be and feel safe doing so- it can sometimes be hectic at pickup, so the more I know, the better.
- ★ Pick up is directly from the classroom, NOT the pickup line. At 2:10 all remaining students will walk to Ravenwolf. If you are running late, please make sure to call the school so that we can hold your child, or go to Ravenwolf to receive them. I teach a Middle School elective on Mondays and Wednesdays, so I am unable to be present past 2:10 on these days. In this case, your child will wait in the office with Miss Emma.

Thank you for reading!

Please see the following few pages for a class list. I can't wait to see you all!

Sending lots of love and light your way,

Miss Rachel



# Supply List!

**All supplies provided are communal.** Please do not send your child to school with special supplies for only their use. They will sometimes share with their friends and not others, or take longer to transition, insisting on using their special items.

## For your child only:

- ★ Water Bottle
- ★ Backpack
- ★ Lunch Box
- ★ Folder

## For all students:

- ★ Crayola Crayons and/or Markers
- ★ Black Sharpies
- ★ Pink Pearl Erasers
- ★ Thin White Board Markers
- ★ Hand Held Pencil Sharpeners
- ★ Glue Sticks
- ★ Baking Soda, Vinegar, Salt, & Shaving Cream
  - (For art & experiments)

## For classroom use:

- ★ Tissues!
- ★ Disinfecting Wipes!
- ★ Baby Wipes!

I appreciate any and all donations!  
Thank you for helping out our classroom community.