August 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Hello and Welcome to Kindergarten!!

This will be an exciting year for both you and your child. You will quickly learn that a kindergarten classroom is a very busy place.

On Tuesday, September 4, 2018, all kindergarten students will have the opportunity to meet their teacher and visit their new classroom from 1:00 P.M. until 1:30 P.M. Specific teacher assignments will be sent home in the August placement letter.

During the visit, the children will receive their name tags for the first week of school, as well as learn where their cubbies and tables are located. Most importantly, the students will meet their new classmates and teachers.

This day will also give parents an opportunity to bring in their child’s school supplies. Included with this letter is a list of school supplies that your child will need for kindergarten. Please be sure to label your child’s supplies with their name. Each teacher may request additional supplies throughout the school year.

PLEASE NOTE: When you arrive at Grundy on September 4th, please use the kindergarten entrance and report directly to your child’s classroom. Please be sure to bring the completed Kindergarten Bus Authorization form and the Handle with Care sheet that is included in the mailing. This will be extremely helpful in making sure your child is dismissed from the bus safely as well as helping the teachers get to know your child better.

We look forward to meeting you. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,
The Kindergarten Team
GRUNDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kindergarten Supply List

- A backpack (no wheels) large enough to fit a binder (this can be brought in with your child on the first day of school)
- 10 large glue sticks or 20 small glue sticks (Elmer’s brand, white glue please)
- 1 folder (bottom pocket)
- 6 boxes of Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 4 boxes of Crayola crayons (8 count)
- 1 box of Broad Line Crayola Washable Markers, classic colors only
- 1 box of Crayola colored pencils
- 1 Elmer’s liquid glue (white glue, please)
- 4 pink erasers
- 48 #2 pencils (Ticonderoga brand, sharpened)
- 1 pair of child scissors (Fiskar brand, no point-blunt edge),
- 6 dry-erase markers (EXPO brand, black, fine-point)
- 1 yellow highlighter
- 1 black marble composition book (wide-ruled/full lined pages)
- 1 primary notebook (Mead brand, if possible. Each page is half blank & half lined)
- 1 Large Canvas Pencil Case w/zipper (the case should be big enough to fit crayons, glue sticks, scissors, and pencils)
- 1 old T-shirt or smock (in a large Ziploc bag, please label the shirt with your child’s name. Please label the bag with “smock” & your child’s name)
- 1 large box of tissues
- 1 package of baby wipes
- A change of clothes (in a large Ziploc bag, please label the bag with “change of clothes” & your child’s name)

Boys: 1 box of Ziploc bags (gallon size, preferably zipper seal & not slider)
Girls: 1 box of sealable, Ziploc bags (sandwich size, preferably zipper seal & not slider)

*Please label all supplies with your child’s name.
*Please put the following supplies in your child’s pencil case: 2 sharpened pencils, 1 pink eraser, 1-24 pack crayons, scissors & one glue stick.
*The rest of the supplies should be brought to school in a large bag.

Please have your child bring a small, healthy snack and drink each day. (including the first day)

*Individual teachers may ask for additional supplies.
Dear Parent/Guardian:

In order to ensure the safety of your child for the 2018-19 school year, we will need to have a list of people who can meet your child at the bus stop. **THE LIST MUST INCLUDE THE CHILD’S PARENT/GUARDIAN, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER PERSONS PERMITTED TO PICK UP THE CHILD.**

The bus driver will not drop kindergarten or first grade students* at the stop unless an authorized adult is available to meet the child. In the event an authorized adult is not available, the driver will return the child to the school. (*unless the release form is signed for 1st graders ONLY)

Please sign and return the slip below to your child’s kindergarten or 1st grade teacher no later than Monday, September 10th, 2018. After I read and authorize the form, we will make a copy and give it to the bus driver to keep on record. Any changes to the form must be submitted in writing to the school.

We would also like to remind you that at no time can anyone but the child enter the bus.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of your child.

Sincerely,

Laura Amato
Principal

Please detach and return the form below

GRUNDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LIST OF AUTHORIZED ADULTS FOR KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE BUS STOPS

CHILD’S NAME ___________________________ CLASSROOM TEACHER ________________

BUS ROUTE# AND STOP ________________________________

Please allow my child(ren) to be released from the Sachem kindergarten school bus to the following adult(s):

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(PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE) ________________________________

(PRINCIPAL’S SIGNATURE) ________________________________
Sachem Bus Procedures

These procedures have been developed to ensure the safety of all students.

• Please arrive at your bus stop at least 30 minutes before the start of school.

• The first few rows of each bus are reserved for kindergarten students. If parents choose to have a sibling sit with a kindergartener, this is permitted in the front of the bus only.

• Kindergarten students will board and exit the bus first. Kindergarten aides will escort students to their classrooms.

• Bus tags will be provided for kindergarten students listing the bus stop. This is the only stop at which your child will be picked up and dropped off each day. Kindergarten students will not be permitted to disembark from the school bus at their bus stop if no one is there to meet them.

• Use a safe route in walking to and from your assigned bus stop. Please arrange for appropriate supervision to and from the bus stop.

• Wait for the bus in an orderly manner.

• Always use the handrail when getting on or off the bus.

• Listen to your bus driver.

• Take your seat quickly.

• Keep the aisle clear of books, lunch boxes, etc.

• When you must stand, hold on to the seat handle.

• Remain silent at railroad crossings.

• Cross at least ten feet in front of the bus.

• No eating or drinking on the bus.