

The ABC's of Kindergarten



A

Absent: If your child is going to be absent due to illness, please call the office before 8:00 A.M. For further information regarding absences, please see page 2 of the Parent-Student Handbook.

Allergies: If your child has allergies that we should know about, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Art: We will have ART every week.

Attendance: A successful school experience is the responsibility of the child, the parent, and the school. Your child's progress, both academically and socially, is influenced by daily participation. Regular attendance without tardiness is the key.

Ask: Pray daily for wisdom to be an excellent parent, to mold your child into the person God wants him/her to be. Ask God to give wisdom and discernment to your child's teachers, too.

B

Bible: The Bible is an integral part of every day here at CPCS! We will have daily devotions and prayer. Your child will be memorizing scripture monthly. Please make time to help you child memorize his/her verse(s) and discuss Bible lessons being taught each week. The longer verses we will be learning are Psalm 100 in November, Luke 2:8-14 in December, and Psalm 23 in March. We will also learn the Lord's Prayer.

Breakfast: To insure that your child is prepared to learn, please make sure that he/she eats a healthy breakfast each morning.

Birthdays: If you would like to send a birthday treat or take home bag with your child on or near his/her birthday, please feel free to do so. Those with summer birthdays may celebrate on his/her half birthdays.

Book Orders: Occasionally your child will bring home a Scholastic Book Order. These book clubs offer wonderful books at reduced prices. You will be given a code to

order online. This is a great way to build your child's library.

C

Communication: The best way to contact your child's teacher is by email. Please come to us first if you have any questions or concerns about what is happening at school.

Conferences: Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place in November, after first quarter report cards.

D

Discipline: The root word of discipline is disciple. Our classroom is a small community where teamwork and good relationships are expected. We will guide your child in learning classroom procedures and expected classroom behavior through specific direction and positive reinforcement. We want to let our light shine for Christ!

Dinner and Devotions: Time around the table with family is when faith and values are passed on to children. It is also a great time to find out what happened at school that day☺

E

Emergency Information: Please complete and return all emergency information. If any contact information changes throughout the year, please let us know promptly. If the school is closed for any reason, the school will initiate an automated voicemail system.

F

Field Trips: Our class will enjoy two field trips during the year. In the fall we will go to County Line Apple Orchard, and in the spring we will go to the zoo. These field trips are both fun and educational. A permission slip will be sent home as the field trip approaches with all the details. Chaperones will be chosen on a first come basis, but also utilizing as many parents during the school year as possible.

G

God: This year we will be showing your child that evidence of God is everywhere. We will be making connections in all subject areas.

Grading Scale: The following grading scale is used on Kindergarten report cards.

4- Exceeds

3-Competent

2-Basic Skill Level

1-Below Basic Skill Level

I-Emergent/Improving

God's Big Word: Each month we will pick a word that we want to learn about through stories, songs, and videos that help build character to reflect Christ. Some of these big words are love, kindness, perseverance, compassion, image, and so many more. A true superhero possesses these characteristics that reflect the ultimate Superhero, Christ.

H

Homework: Daily homework will include your child's reading folder, sight words, and memory work. Occasionally, your child may bring home some written homework. Please help your child do his/her best on the homework and return it the next day.

Help: We would love to have you help out in our classroom as a room parent, group time helper, etc. You do earn service hours for helping out.

Health: Please let me know of any special circumstances that may affect your child.

I

Illness: The question of when to keep your child home from school is often a tricky one, especially when decisions must be made first thing in the morning. It is important to make sure your child is fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Information: Equip your child by working on these readiness skills.

*Full name

*Parent's names

*Telephone number

*Birthday (month, date)

*Basic colors

*Counting to 100

*Printing name with the first letter being uppercase. Third quarter we will start with last name.

*Reciting the alphabet

*Basic shape names

*Identifying letter names/sounds

*Identifying numerals to 20

*Tying shoes

*Fastening coats and jackets

Your extra help and practice at home makes a huge difference!

J

Journals: One strategy that will be used to help convey the vital concepts that "print has meaning" is the frequent use of journal writing. Each week our kindergarteners will be combining their emerging writing skills with their illustrating skills.

K

Keep Informed: Please make sure to check your child's Superhero Binder each night for graded papers, homework, and school information.

L

Library: Our class will go to the library once a week. Your child will be allowed to select and borrow a book or two for a week. Books must be returned by the next library session in order for your child to check out more books.

Lunch: Our class lunch time will be from 11:30-12:00. When preparing your child's lunch, please make healthy choices.

M

Math: Our Kindergarten math curriculum provides students with experiences that help them develop number sense and a positive attitude towards mathematics that will continue through their school career and lives.

We employ a hands-on, problem solving approach. Help your child see math in every situation, such as sorting socks, finding patterns, recognizing shapes seen at home, helping your child do simple adding and subtracting in his/her head, referring to a calendar, clock, weather, and money.

Music: The Kindergarteners have music once a week.

N

Newsletter: Each week you will receive a newsletter from your kindergarten teacher. It will be sent on Edmodo. At the start of the school year, a code will be given to you inviting you to our classroom Edmodo page. Please respond to that in order to get the daily classroom news. This will keep you posted on what we are learning, memory verses, sight words, Bible lessons, and so much more. Please take time to review this each week.

O

Observe: We want school to be a positive experience for your child. If you ever sense there is something bothering your child concerning school, please contact us as soon as possible.

Open Hearts and Minds: So many wonderful things will be taking place this year at CPCS! Please pray with us that the entire CPCS family will have open hearts and minds to the things God has in store for us!

Open House: The kindergarten classes hold a special open house in mid-August to meet our new students. This is a great time to introduce your child to our school and to bring in school supplies.

P

Parties and Celebrations: We will have two main parties this year: Christmas and Valentine's Day. The room parents will help organize these events. We will have other celebrations that your teacher will organize such as Day 100, Day 101, the Thanksgiving Feast, etc. Each class may vary on how they celebrate.

Physical Education: Kindergarteners have physical education once a week. They will need gym shoes to be kept in their lockers. These shoes will also be used during boot season or if shoes become muddy at recess.

If your child wears sandals/flip flops, please also send a pair of socks to keep in his/her locker. Your child's gym teacher will be either Mr. Kamp or Mrs. Hoekstra.

Playground Procedures: Please review these procedures with your child:

- ***Monkey bars:** One child crosses at a time. Do not stand or walk on top.
- ***Slides:** Go up the ladder and down the slide.
- ***Swings:** Stay seated while swinging, one person per swing. Be careful walking around the swings.
- ***No rough play.**
- *Stay within sight of the recess teacher.
- *Line up promptly when the recess whistle is blown.

Q

Questions: If you have a question about anything going on at school, be sure to ask about it.

R

Recess: The children will play outside for 20 minutes in the morning and afternoon, unless it is raining or the temperature or wind chill is below 10 degrees. Please keep this in mind when helping your child select clothing for the day. Children will need a jacket or

sweatshirt if the temperature is below 60 degrees

Report Cards: Report Cards are issued after the conclusion of each quarter.

Restrooms: There will be restroom breaks during the school day. Make your kindergarten teacher aware of any medical problem that might require frequent restroom trips. Your child must be able to manage all normal restroom needs independently.

Room Parents: The Room Parents' job is to be available for any number of activities: to help coordinate parties, to seek volunteers, or to seek donations for special events, and to help wherever needed.

Reading: A great way to expose your child to reading is to model reading daily. Try reading a chapter book you loved as a child. Reading chapter books can help extend your child's attention span, listening and comprehension skills, as well as expanding vocabulary.

S

Show and Share: Your kindergarten teacher will inform you how show and share will take place. Show and share is very important to your child. It helps your child learn how to talk to a group, encourages him/her to speak in complete sentences, and gives each child his/her own little moment in the spotlight.

Spanish: Senora Klomp will teach your child Spanish once a week. Learning another language is not just fun; it allows us the opportunity to communicate with others in God's kingdom.

Snack: Your child will have a snack at around 9:30 each morning. This should be a nutritious snack that can be eaten fairly quickly as your child will want to get outside for recess.

Sweatshirt: Our classrooms tend to be on the chilly side when the air is on. It would be a great idea for your child to have a sweatshirt that he/she can keep at school.

Safe Place: It is our job as teachers to create a safe and loving environment for your child to learn.

Specials: Your child will have art, music, gym, and library each week.

T

Television and video games: Provide art supplies and good books that will exercise his/her mental abilities. This will reduce the interest in television and video games.

Transportation: If there are any changes in your child's transportation, please let the office know by 2:30 on that day.

Time: School promptly start at 8am and ends at 3pm. You are welcome to drop your child off any time after 7:30. They will go to the playground until 7:50.



Understanding: We covet your understanding and prayers as we implement new curriculum, integrate hands-on activities, and work to challenge all learners! We have worked so hard as a kindergarten team to plan a year of Christ-centered learning!

Unique: Kindergarteners learn that they are special and unique. Students are encouraged to describe how they are alike as well as different from others.



Visitors: Crown Point Christian School has a policy that ALL guests (including familiar faces) are required to check in at the school office. It is the goal and responsibility of the school to create a safe learning environment.



Wish Lists: Throughout the year we sometimes need supplies above and beyond our classroom materials. These needs will be posted in the weekly newsletter and/or emailed to you as optional requests. Extra items that you think we might be able to use are always welcome.

Wing Sings: There will be a time each month where our entire hall gathers in a time of worship.

Winter Jubilee: Your child will be performing in a winter performance called Winter Jubilee. Elementary students are required to attend all performances. Shirts for the performance are provided by the school.



Xed out: We all make mistakes. We will teach the children what is expected behavior and practice proper procedures during the first weeks of school. We continue to remind the class of rules and procedures throughout the year. When a child makes a mistake, we try to correct him/her with respect, dignity, and love.



Younger siblings: It is in the best interest for your child and the class to have our parent group helpers available without

younger siblings. This not only allows your full attention on the group, but also allows some special time between you and your child. Thank you!



"ZZZZZs": Make sure your child is getting enough sleep at night. We do not take naps in kindergarten, and your child will come home tired. Setting and keeping a bedtime routine is a wonderful gift you can give your child so that they are alert and ready to learn.