

**Concord Blended Prekindergarten
Parent Handbook
2019-2020**

Welcome to Prekindergarten. Our prekindergarten team is made up of your child's classroom teacher (Kara Blatt or Lauren Grochowski), our speech/language therapist (Jane York), and our parent coordinator (Pam Worth). We all look forward to working with you and your child this school year.

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FOR ABSENCES, PLEASE CALL MAIN OFFICE AT 331/481-4010

These are based on developmentally appropriate activities and behaviors of young children. The experiences presented to your child in the classroom are designed to provide him/her many opportunities for interaction with the environment, decision-making, problem-solving, discovery, and development of self-esteem. Evaluation of your child's development for the Portfolios, Progress Reports, and Developmental Plans will correspond to the classroom experiences. Progress Reports are sent home in November, February, and May. Portfolios and Progress Reports are reviewed with all parents during parent/teacher conferences in November and as needed in February and May.

Absences

If you know that your child will not be in school *for any reason*, please call the school office at **331/481-4010** before 8:00 a.m. (by 11:50 a.m. for afternoon students). We are required by the State of Illinois to keep accurate records of absences and tardy arrivals. In determining whether your child is too ill to attend class, general guidelines are that your child should be fever free **without medication** for at least 24 hours prior to attending school. The same standard is true if your child has experienced diarrhea or vomiting. In all circumstances, common sense should prevail. If your child looks or feels "miserable," a day at home is probably just what the doctor ordered.

Extended Absences

Consistent attendance is strongly encouraged. Whenever possible, we recommend that all extended vacations take place over scheduled school breaks and summer vacation. If you choose to take an extended vacation during the school year, and we have a wait list for our program, there is a possibility that we will be unable to hold a spot for your child upon return.

Recommended Supply List

- 8 Glue sticks-Elmers small, purple, washable
- 1 8 count box Crayola washable markers, classic colors
- 1 Large school bag with name on bag (No wheels)
- 1 Set of seasonal change of clothes to be kept at school (pants, shirt, underwear, socks)
- 1 Pair of gym shoes to be left at school
- 1 Box of Kleenex
- 1 Box 5oz paper cups
- 4 Expo dry erase markers (fine tip, black)
- 2 Containers Seventh Generation disinfecting wipes
- 1 Package Ziplock large bags (2 gallon size)
- 1 Package of white paper plates 50 count (students with last names starting A-M only)
- 1 Expo low odor chisel tip dry erase marker: 4ct Colors (students with last names starting A-M only)
- 1 Package of brown paper lunch bags (students with last names starting with N-Z only)
- 3 Rolls scotch transparent tape with dispenser(students with last names starting with N-Z only)

Safety Procedures

AM Students

Students may arrive between 7:45-8:00 am. All car riders and walkers enter through the main school doors (door #1). Students will be dismissed through the PreK doors beginning at 10:40 am. First we will load the bus students. If you are picking up your child, while waiting for the busses to pull away, please stay in your car. Once the buses pull away, a staff member will direct the car rider line to pull forward. At this time you may place your car in park and get out to buckle your child. The child will be loaded into the car via the passenger side. Please do not leave your car to meet your child at the PreK doors or on the sidewalk. Your child will be brought to you.

PM Students

Students may arrive between 12:00-12:05. All car riders and walkers will enter through the PreK doors (door #6). Beginning at 12:05 staff will first unload the bus students. Please stay in your vehicle with your child. Once all bus riders have been unloaded, a staff member will direct the car rider line to pull forward. At this time, a staff member will come to your car and open the passenger side door for your child to exit. Parents please stay in your car at all times. If you arrive early you must stay in your car until a staff member comes and gets your child. For dismissal, if your child is a walker, they will be dismissed through the PreK doors (door #6). If your child is a car rider, please follow the car rider line to the end and you will be directed around the corner to the parking lot near the gym doors. A staff member will be waiting with your child.

All Bus Riders

Please reference the district handbook, which outlines bus safety and expectations for all students.

Parent Involvement

Pre-K Parent Volunteer Opportunities:

There are multiple volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Please reference the volunteer form: found in the curriculum night folder. In addition, we will send out periodic emails requesting parent helpers for various projects throughout the year.

Newsletter:

Every other week we will be publishing our online newsletter with information about class activities and upcoming events. Also included will be parenting tips, developmental information, and suggestions for fun things to do with your child. Much important information is contained in these pages. Please read them carefully.

Class Parties:

The fall, winter, and Valentine's day parties will be held on the half days as indicated on the school calendar. More specific information will be sent out via email as we get closer to these days.

Family Learning Days:

Family learning days is special events planned for you and your child. Family field trips, guest speakers and performers, science nights, and make-it/take-it workshops are some examples of our fun family learning days. These days are intended for your child and one adult.

Birthdays:

We realize how special birthdays are to our students! We will invite each parent to **volunteer** to help assist in the classroom on the day of their child's birthday. Parents will be responsible for helping their child work on a group birthday craft for their child. Due to allergy concerns, **please do not bring in any food-related treats**. If you wish to bring in a birthday treat, you may bring in items such as pencils, erasers, and stickers. If you have any specific questions, please contact the classroom teacher directly.

BLENDED PREKINDERGARTEN CALENDAR DATES 2019/2020
School Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-10:40 am and 12:05-2:45 pm

August 20: Concord Elementary School's Orientation Day-**bring recommended supplies today**

August 22-23: Home Visits (**new students only**)

August 28: **First Day of Prekindergarten**

August 29: **Curriculum Night** at Concord Elementary School **6:30 p.m.**

September 13: Early Dismissal-PTC Fun Run- **Family Learning Day**

October 11: Early Dismissal- **Family Learning Day**

October 25: **No Prekindergarten**- **Prekindergarten Screening**

October 31: Prekindergarten Fall **Family Learning Day**

November 7-8: **No Prekindergarten** **Conferences**

December 2: New Prekindergarten Students Start

December 20: Prekindergarten Winter **Family Learning Day**

February 13: **Conferences** during school day

February 14: Prekindergarten Valentines **Family Learning Day**

March 6: **No Prekindergarten**- **Prekindergarten Screening**

March 27: Early Dismissal- **Family Learning Day**

May 1: Early Dismissal- **Family Learning Day**

May 21: Last Day of Prekindergarten

May 22: End of the Year- **Family Learning Day**

May 26-29: **Conferences**

