

Welcome to Kindergarten

We are so happy to have you as part of our school community. We have some information we would like to share with you to help make Kindergarten a more pleasant experience:

- ☺ Please make sure you talk to your child about what has happened at school during the day. Ask them questions about their friends and the activities they are involved in.

- ☺ In a short while your child will receive a word ring which we use to develop a strong site word vocabulary. As your child progresses through their words new words will be added, but these additions will be individualized. One student will have a different number of words than another and the words are usually color coded. PLEASE do not draw attention to this. In the past parents have spoken about this in front of their children, and some parents have linked it to a competition. Your child's teacher knows when to progress with new words so please discuss any concerns with her privately.

- ☺ Parents are asked to please not use the entrance by the kindergarten classroom to bring your child to school. Teach your child that you will park on the parent parking lot and help him learn how to cross the road and get to his classroom independently. If you meet him after school, teach him to meet you in the main lobby. Our staff is available to help with sneakers and jackets and you better serve your child by waiting for him to come to you.

- ☺ When your child is in afternoon kindergarten please do not drop her off until 12:30. Classes do not start until 12:40 and we have no supervision in that room until 12:30.

- ☺ Always check your child's book bag for notes from school. There may be important information on schedule changes, or there may be work that the teacher wishes to have attended to at home.

- ☺ **HAVE A GREAT YEAR!** That is our most important advice. We have an excellent school, and we are excited about having you join the Matthew Elementary family!