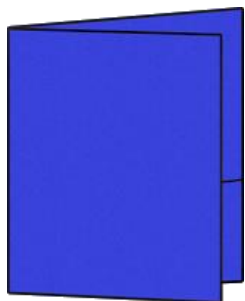


# Welcome to Kindergarten!

I am so excited to be part of the Georgetown Elementary family. As far back as I can remember, I have always wanted to be a teacher! I promise you every day your child will learn something new! Some days they'll bring it home in their hands. Some days they'll bring it home in their heads and other days they may bring it home in their hearts! Please feel free to contact me throughout the school year. Email: [htindal@hpseagles.net](mailto:htindal@hpseagles.net)



## Communication



Your child will have a Daily Folder(folder they will receive at open house) for all notes and mail to go home in every day. This is also where you put any notes for me. Please make sure your child brings his/her folder **EVERYDAY**, and has a parent check it **EVERYDAY**. If you have a question or concern that needs immediate attention, please do not hesitate to email or call me.

## Volunteers

We need many volunteers in kindergarten whether it is for parties, centers or to help with projects at home. I will be updating our volunteer opportunities on our class blog.

# Classroom Community

My goal is to instill a positive attitude towards education. By doing this, I strive to build independence and confidence in my kindergarteners so that they use their full potential. I encourage my students to celebrate their differences and interact positively with one another in and out of the classroom walls. To increase the understanding of our classroom needs the students work together to answer the following questions:



1. How do you want to be treated by the teacher?
2. How do you want to be treated by each other?
3. How do you think your teacher wants to be treated by you?
4. How do you want to treat each other when there is a conflict?

The students reflect on these questions and together we create a classroom promise that is located in our classroom. The classroom promise is reinforced throughout the year by children holding each other accountable and providing feedback on how we are doing as a group. Questions used by the class to hold each other responsible include:

1. What are you doing?
2. What are you suppose to be doing?
3. Were you doing it?
4. What are you going to do about it?

It is our goal to build a classroom community where we building meaningful relationships and hold each other accountable.

## Daily Schedule

School starts at 8:45am. Specials follow a 4 day rotation, 1 (music), 2 (gym), 3 (art), and day 4 (steam) from 1:00-1:50pm. We do have library once a week, day to be determined. Recess is from 10:15-10:30, 11:40-11:55 and 3:15-3:30. Lunch is from 12:00-12:20pm. Dismissal at 3:45pm. Our early release days dismissal is at 12:15pm. No lunch is served on early dismissal days. Sack lunches are available upon ordering. Please email me the night before if you would like to order a sack lunch for your child.

## Backpack Snack

The children will need 2 home snacks to refuel their bodies and brain, so please pack a small healthy snack (crackers, raisins, grapes, carrots, pretzels, animal crackers, etc...) that can be eaten quickly each morning and afternoon. **Please do not place your child's backpack snack inside their lunch box.** I do not want them to confuse this quick snack time with lunch. Instead, decide together (you and your child) where the snack can be found. Deciding together will help your child know where their snack is located when it is time for them to retrieve it each day. I will also have graham crackers available for any forgotten snack days. **If our classroom has a peanut allergy then we will be changing our snack options. I will let you all know as soon as I know of any food allergies.**



## Drinks

The children will be able to get a drink from our drinking fountain inside the room or they may take a water bottle from home. **Please be sure to label your child's water bottle.** No juice boxes will be allowed at this time...save them for lunch if your child would like one.

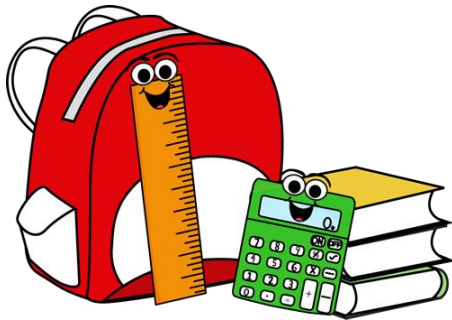
## Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays is a special day for your child at school. If your child wishes, he/she may bring in a small treat for the class. They will have the opportunity to pass out their **non-edible treat** at the end of the day (small dollar store trinkets, pencils, stickers, etc...) **NO FOOD TREATS WILL BE ALLOWED DUE TO SCHOOL ALLERGIES.** This is a school-wide policy. I will contact you prior to your child's birthday to determine the best date for their celebration. If your child has a summer birthday we can do a  $\frac{1}{2}$  birthday or celebrate the last 2 weeks of school on a specified day.



# Star Student

Your child will have the opportunity to be the special child of the day many times throughout the school year. When your child is chosen they will come home with a special task to complete. Each time holds a different activities for your kinder so that we can get to know them better.



## School Supplies

Please have your child bring to school with them a backpack large enough to hold their homework folder (9x12) & snow clothes in the winter, a lunch box (if they will be having home lunch), water bottle, tennis shoes to be worn during gym class and a cuddle buddy-

small stuffed animal that we will use for the first part of our school year. They can store their cuddle buddy in their locker and retrieve it for quiet time. Please label your child's cuddle buddy with their name.

## Label All Items

Please remember to label all clothing, backpacks, lunch boxes, etc... Things get misplaced and it is much easier to locate them if your child's name is on his/her personal items.



## Bathroom Tips

Please encourage and practice with your child their role in using the restroom at school. We are not able to help them in the restroom. This is for safety and the success of your child. We will have a restroom in our classroom so the children will be allowed to use the

bathroom when needed. Our goal over the year is to help them learn appropriate times to use the bathroom. We will also have access to a bathroom just down the hall from our classroom. The bathroom in the hallway has a urinal, this is often a "new" way for little guys to use the bathroom. Any practicing with this type of bathroom is greatly appreciated. In the classroom, I ask the students to hold up one finger if they need to use the restroom. This is a quiet signal which limits interruptions. My rule is if they have to go...then I let them go.

## Homework

I will be sending home homework which will contain activities that correspond with concepts that your child is learning in school. These packets are designed for you to do with your child at home. The homework packet will be copied and sent home with your child in their Daily Folder once we get established in school. Homework is due a week from when it is given. It will be given out on Monday's and is due back the following Monday. Our homework is intended to be easy and is associated with our weeks math concepts the kindergarteners have practiced already.

## Take-Home Books

Our take-home reading program encourages the children to become readers. They will have the opportunity to take home a book that is "a good fit for them" to read overnight and then they will read that same book to a volunteer at school. The program will begin later in the school year.



## Lunch

The children will be eating their lunch in the multipurpose/gym room at school. They will be supervised by lunch aides (who are moms themselves) and will assist the children in opening their drinks, containers, and encouraging them to eat their lunch.

Please talk with your child each morning so they know what they will be having for lunch that day (hot lunch---blue or white, home lunch, milk(chocolate/white from school). It takes a few weeks for the children to feel comfortable eating at school so please pack their favorite foods to make this transition easier for them. For more information about the hot lunch program and monthly menus, please check out their website at [www.jenhudfood.org](http://www.jenhudfood.org)

## Extra Information

**\*\*Report Cards & Conferences\*\*** Your child's progress will be discussed during conferences twice a year. We will meet in the fall/November and spring/May. If there is a problem or concern before then, please contact me. Report cards will be sent out two times: Winter and Spring.



**\*\*NO TOYS\*\*** Please do not allow your child to bring ANY toys from home to school. This ensures there will be no broken or lost toys here. Thank you!

You have been given a lot of information to sift through. Thanks for taking the time to read through everything. Now you will have a good understanding of some of the nuts and bolts of our classroom. I am very excited and know we are going to have a terrific time working together this school year. You've entrusted your child to me and I will do my very best to make this year a wonderful experience for your child. Thanks for everything you will do at home and at school to encourage your kindergartener and myself this school year.

PLEASE feel free to contact me at **ANYTIME!!!** My email is [htindal@hpseagles.net](mailto:htindal@hpseagles.net). I will return your email ASAP. Thank you for entrusting your child in my care. I am looking forward to an excellent school year 😊

Warmly,  
Mrs. Tindall