

August 2020

Welcome to TK & Kindergarten!

It is truly a blessing to be able to serve your family this year. I am looking forward to a great school year and I am excited about all we will be experiencing this year. Of course this year, like last, will not be a typical school year. But we will make the best of whatever God sets before us.

ISJ has made the decision that all students will wear masks throughout the day with the exception of times when they are eating, resting/sleeping, or outside. Please make sure your child can put on and take off their mask with ease on their own. During times when we are not using our masks a cloth bag will be provided for storing them. A clean mask will need to be worn each day and we are suggesting that you have at least 2 extra masks in your child's backpack in case there is a need to change the mask out.

This year I will be using the Seesaw app for classroom communications and activities with the children. Should we have to switch to distance/online learning, this will be the online platform we will use for lessons but of course our prayer is to be in the classroom all year. I will be training the kids on how to use Seesaw beginning the first week of school. You will be able to connect to your child's Seesaw journal using the following link

<https://app.seesaw.me/s/163-975-103> This will allow you to be able to see your child's work, communicate with me, and keep up with what is happening in class.

Mr. A and/or I will be sending a video or two as an orientation to the new school policies and procedures as well as classroom information. These should answer most of your questions about the school year. I also encourage you to explore my kindergarten website, mswelchkdg.weebly.com for more information about both our classroom routines and me. The Kindergarten ABC's page will help answer many of the questions you may have about my classroom management. Please read the information and either email me with questions or bring them to your meet the teacher appointment.

Please use the following link to schedule a teacher meet & greet time for your family.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA4AE29A0F4CF8-kindergarten>

This will be a short meeting of 15 mins or less for you to come meet me, see the classroom, and drop off school supplies (see list attached). Please limit the

number of family members attending as much as possible and remember to wear your masks. If you would prefer an online/zoom meeting email me and we can schedule a time for one.

School begins Tuesday, September 8, promptly at 8:10 am and dismissal is at 3:10 pm. Procedures for drop off and pick up will be shared in the orientation videos. I am excited to see what this year has in store for us.

In His Service,

Ms. Welch



Mary Geeting, our Art teacher, shared the following list for art supplies. Please have the following in a gallon plastic bag:

- a pack of washable Crayola markers (right now they are \$1 a pack at both Meijer and Target)
- a bottle of Elmers glue
- a black sharpie marker (yes even for lower grades)
- a pair of scissors (I like Fiskars the best)
- a pack of Crayola crayons
- a couple of pencils and a good eraser

*Kindergarten supply list on the next page.

Kindergarten Supply List 2020-2021

Masks- A clean neck gaiter/mask must be worn daily. I also suggest keeping 2 extra in the backpack in case something happens and it is needed.

- 1- Standard size school bag or backpack- Needs to hold a binder and lunch box/bag (no wheels please)
- 1- Lunch box/bag
- 1- Reusable water bottle (leak proof preferred)
- 1- ½ -inch size three ring binder with clear pocket on cover.
- 1- **Crayola** crayons **24 count** classic colors (Twistables are strongly recommended but not necessary)
- 1- Standard size clipboard
- 1- 8 GB or higher flash drive for digital portfolio
- 3- Rolls of Paper Towel
- 2- Boxes of Tissue
- 1- Box of plastic spoons
- 1- Box of plastic forks

Donations of any of the following would also be appreciated

- Ticonderoga #2 pencils or Ticonderoga golf pencils
- Ream of white copy paper
- Black Expo Markers (low odor) chisel or fine tip (No ultra fine please)
- Plastic bags (snack, sandwich, quart, or gallon size)
- A box of basic white No. 8 envelopes
- **Please note that items like scissors, glue, & pencils will be provided along with a pencil box to store them in. All items will be labeled for individual use.**