

Welcome to Kindergarten at The Bridges Academy! I look forward to an exciting and rewarding year with you and your child. The first few weeks will be a transition to the new school year. I will work with your child to ensure a smooth and enjoyable beginning by establishing classroom routines in a warm and loving environment. The following information may be helpful to you. Please feel free to contact me via email with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at [emmy.cammann@bridgesli.org](mailto:emmy.cammann@bridgesli.org).

### Arrival and Dismissal

Students are to arrive to school by 8:00 am so they can unpack and be ready to begin the school day. Dismissal is at 2:49 pm.

### Curriculum

Our curriculum places a strong emphasis on reading, writing, math, science, and social studies on a level appropriate for your child's age and skills. We will strive to develop their emotional, social, physical and creative talents as well.

### Homework

A homework newsletter will be sent home each Monday to explain the week's assignments. All work is not due back until Friday. It is important that you establish a routine with your child to set up good work habits. If your child is experiencing difficulty with their homework please send in a note.

### Birthdays

Your child is permitted to wear dress up clothes to school to celebrate their birthday. Please remember that the school policy is no food for birthday celebrations.

### Snack/Lunch

Please send a healthy snack/drink to school each day for your child. It is helpful if you put their snack in a brown paper bag so they don't confuse snack food with their lunch. Children eat lunch in the classroom and play on the playground daily. In accordance to our "Nut-Aware" policy, please remember to refrain from sending in any nut-based products for snack or lunch.

### HW Folders

Please place all notes in your child's folder. If there is any change in dismissal for the day, please write me a note.

### Dismissal

If there is a sudden change in dismissal for the day please contact the office no later than 1 pm.

### Absentee Notes

In the event your child is absent please call or email Nurse Duneau by 8:30 am on the day of the absence. When your child returns to school a note must be written explaining the reason for your child's absence.

### Extended absences/Vacation

It is very helpful if you plan your family vacations around the school calendar. However, please notify me if your child plans to be absent. I will save any missed work and send it home when your child returns to school.

### Toys

Please remind your child that toys from home are not permitted in kindergarten. Bracelets, watches, and any other accessory that may cause a distraction in class are also better left home. Thank you for your assistance with this.

### Extra Help

Extra help is by invitation and will be offered Wednesdays at 7:40 am in the classroom. If there is a particular skill or concept that I feel your child may need help with I will notify you.

### Report Cards

Kindergarten students will receive a formal report card to report student progress at the end of each trimester. I will explain more about this at our Parent Teacher Conference in December.