

Welcome to Kindergarten at Endeavor Charter Academy

We are looking forward to starting a new year full of growth. Together we can form a great partnership to help your child reach his or her full potential. It is very important that we communicate regularly to ensure a successful year. Please feel free to come to us with any questions, comments or concerns. Endeavor Academy: 962-9300

Important Information/School Schedule:

School Starts Tuesday, September 8. School starts at 8:00 am (doors open at 7:50) and is dismissed at 3:15 pm. We are excited about the new all day program! It is important that your child arrives on time, so that we are able to begin our day as a group. We will be doing a screening/assessment during the first few days of school to see what your child knows coming into kindergarten. The assessment includes things such as: colors, shapes, number recognition, letter recognition (upper and lower case), writing his/her name, drawing a picture of him/herself, counting, and saying his/her full name and age. This year kindergarten will be going to rally on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Rally is 8:05-8:20 on those mornings.

Items Your Child Needs:

Your child needs a backpack that is big enough to hold a folder and many other items. We will provide your child with a responsibility folder which will travel back and forth from school to home **daily**. The following is a list of supplies that we wish for your child to bring during the first week of school. These items are essential for the things that we will be doing in the classroom and **they will be shared**. If we need more things throughout the year we will put a request in our newsletter.

- Dixie cups (at least two boxes- **5oz size preferred**- we use these daily during snack)
- Crayons (at least two boxes- **8 packs only please-normal colors**)
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 or 2 boxes of tissue
- Disinfecting Wipes
- 1 Package of dry erase markers
- 1 box of washable markers

Snack:

We will be having two small snack periods each day- once in the morning and once in the afternoon. In order for us to do this, your child will be responsible for sending in a snack about once a month, please remember to send enough for **two snack periods**. We will make out a calendar for the year and we will send home a monthly calendar at the beginning of each month. We will do our best to schedule snack for your child close to his/her birthday so that birthday treats can be sent in. Teachers will provide snack for the first week while we are making the calendars. For summer birthdays, we will

schedule their "1/2" birthday or schedule a time in June to celebrate with the class. Your child may bring in a juice box to drink with snack, otherwise water is available. We only ask that you **do not send pop or glass containers**. Remember: try to keep snack simple!

Newsletters:

Weekly Newsletters will be sent home to let you know what the children are doing in class, general announcements, activities, etc. This is our main method of communication to keep you informed about everything we are doing. **Please be sure to read the Newsletters because they are important.** We will also post extra copies outside of our classrooms and they will be published on AtSchool.

Volunteers:

Volunteers are very important to our classroom's success. There are many opportunities for you to help out. We will ask for volunteers for various reasons throughout the year, such as party chairpersons and helpers, sight word testers, and general classroom helpers. Keep your eyes posted and let us know if you are interested. Volunteer forms must be filled out and on file in order for you to volunteer in the classroom. We recommend you fill them out as soon as you can so that it is done for the year. Forms will be online this year.

Homework and Responsibility Folders:

It is very important to instill responsibility through homework. We will be sending out homework on **Mondays**. This will be a piece of paper with 6 activities to choose from. One activity is always a math worksheet on the back of the homework paper. Your child must complete at least two of the homework activities per week. Also included in the homework is a log of reading time with your child. We are asking that you read with your child at least 15-20 minutes per day. This helps your child grow in his/her desire to read. **Please assist your child in completing the homework and sign and return the homework sheet every Friday.** You do not need to turn in the completed activities each week, just the signed homework sheet. Each child will be provided with a responsibility folder to bring home daily. This folder will contain important information for you to look at, like the homework sheet and the newsletter. It will also contain finished work that we do in class. Please look through the folder each day and keep the stuff that is in the folder at home. Only send things back in the folder that need to be turned in to the teacher. This folder needs to come to school everyday and will be sent home everyday. Please look in it daily and empty it out so we can use it again the next day.

Important

It is very important that your child be able to use the bathroom on his/her own. They should also be able to zip and button up any clothes that they are wearing. This is especially important when we get to the winter months and all of the winter attire. Please practice this with your child.

Please see your child's teacher with questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a great year. Thank you!

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