

Summer 2021

Dear Families,

The beginning of the new school year will be here before you know it and we at Berlin Elementary realize that you may have many questions. We hope you find the following information helpful.

There will be three Kindergarten classrooms this year. They will be taught by Mrs. Deanna Baker and Mr. Dan Dobbins (co-teaching classroom), Mrs. Kasey Hannigan, Mrs. Katie Hooks and Mrs. Danielle Wilson (co-teaching classroom).

Children should bring an **adult-size** backpack everyday, so that both hands will be free to get on and off the bus. The backpack needs to be large enough to hold a lunch box, sneakers, winter clothing including snow pants, books, art projects and papers, etc. Each student will be given a homework folder to help organize papers and projects going home every day. This folder will go into the student's mailbox each day, even if it is empty, so **please send it every day!**

Children may purchase lunch or bring lunch from home. Students who prefer to bring lunch from home may purchase a carton of milk if desired. All ordering for breakfast and lunch should be made through www.myschoolbucks.com

We will have a short break in the afternoon for a snack each day. It is an important break in our day since our lunch is scheduled mid day. Snacks should be high in nutritional value (for example: fruit, veggies, cheese, crackers, yogurt, goldfish, pretzels)...rather than candy. Children only need ONE snack since we only spend a short time on snacks. If you chose to send in a snack drink it should be juice, water or milk. . Snacks are needed EVERYDAY.

For safety reasons students should wear sneaker type footwear every day. We will be going outside and also enjoying "movement" activities in the classroom. Please try to have your child wear shoes that they can put on independently; slip on and Velcro work best.

Please send your child to school in clothes that they can manage. This will be helpful when getting ready to go outside for recess or going home. If your child has a difficult time with buttons,snaps, and zippers, an elastic waist may be a better option.

Please send in an extra set of clothes (in a shopping or Ziploc bag with your child's name on it) so that they can go to the Health Office or bathroom to clean up and change without having to call home for a change of clothes. If clothes are borrowed from the Health Office, please wash and return them as soon as possible (except for underwear). These clothes come in handy for all types of accidents: bathroom, outside play like mud or wet, spilling food or drinks, etc.

We will be attaching a bus name tag to your child's backpack on the first day of school to help us get all of the kids on the correct buses at dismissal. Please leave the bus tag on your child's backpack for the first couple of weeks. We will change the tag if your child's bus information changes.

You will receive a letter over the summer with your child's teacher placement.

What Your Child Will Need in School...

1 adult-sized backpack

1 standard size plastic pencil box

12 pack pencils

3 packages of CRAYOLA TWISTABLE crayons (8 pack)

12 ELMERS glue sticks

1 pair of Fiskars blunt tip 5"scissors

1 adult sized T-Shirt to use for an art smock (slip over head-no buttons/ties)labeled

**1 set of Headphones (available at Five Below)
(please do not send in earbuds as the children have a difficult time with them)**

Ziplock Bags- Girls (gallon)

ZiplockBags- Boys(sandwich or quart)

In order to keep things as tidy and "germ free" each child will have their own pencil box with their supplies. Please label these items with your child's name.

Please do not send in supplies that are not on this list (notebooks, colored pencils, rulers, ect.)You can organize a special "work space" at home for those supplies if your child wants them.