

Summer 2023

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 Mr. Dan Dobbins, Mrs. Kasey Hannigan and Mrs. Steevi Savaria (co-teaching classroom), 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 need a home/school folder (hard plastic to help avoid rips) 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. All information and payments for breakfast and lunch should be found through www.family.titank12.com.

We will have a short break in the morning for a snack each day. It is an important break in our day since our lunch is scheduled in the afternoon. 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

1 hard plastic folder with pockets (Home/School folder)

3 packages of CRAYOLA TWISTABLE crayons (8 pack)

12 ELMER'S glue sticks

1 bottle of ELMER'S glue

1 pair of Fiskars blunt tip 5"scissors

3 boxes of tissues

1 Package of dry erase markers (EXPO fine tip)

1 box of Ticonderoga pencils

1 small package of highlighters (thin)

2 containers of Playdoh (standard size)

1 stilas

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)

Girls

Ziplock Bags (gallon or snack)

Baby wipes

Bag of goldfish

Boys

ZiplockBags-(sandwich or quart)

Clorox wipes

Bag of pretzels

In order to keep things as tidy and "germ free" each child will have their own pencil box with their supplies.

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.