TEAM KINDERGARTEN PLAYBOOK

Mrs. McGuire Room 6



Dear Parents/Guardians:

I want to welcome you to Park Shore 2020-2021 and to our Kindergarten class. My name is Mrs. McGuire and I am so excited to start this new school year with you. Miss Pat will be our assistant in the class and she is so happy to be spending the year with your student. It will not be our typical school year at first but I hope that things will get easier and better as the year goes on. Even with all the masks and distancing we will have so many exciting experiences throughout the year. I can't wait to share them all with you.

Be assured that I will do my best to make this school year an enjoyable time for your child, but also a time filled with real learning. The skills we practice daily in kindergarten are the building blocks for your child's future success in school. I know if we all work together, we can make this a wonderful year for the students.



Our New Normal



Due to Covid-19 we will be doing a lot more hand washing, using antibacterial soap and cleaning. The students will wash their hands as they enter the classroom each day. We will wash before and after snack/lunch, before we switch centers, leaving and returning to the class, or go into group lessons. We have always been big hand washers in my class and this year we will do even more.

Students will have their temperature checked before leaving the car. You will also have questions that will need to be answered at that time. Your student will then be able to walk down or be escorted to their classroom.

Students must wear masks. We will have various times where we can give them "mask breaks" during the day. You need to build up their "MASK ENDURANCE" before they come into the class. Have your student wear a mask in your home for a small amount of time and then increase the time each day.

It is a long day to be in a mask and even I need to practice doing it.



Our New Normal



Classrooms will be cleaned throughout the day (tables washed down, chairs washed down, door knobs and switches washed as well). Bathrooms will be cleaned by maintenance on a schedule throughout the day. The playgrounds will be used on a schedule and will be fully cleaned between uses.

Park Shore has provided the teachers with an outdoor space to use as our classroom. While the weather cooperates we will be spending as much time as possible outdoors. I hope to be able to utilize this space to read books, do circle time and some lessons. We also have the ability to use some of the grassy areas. To do this I would love it if you could send in a beach towel that your student could sit on. This will insure that we continue to keep social distancing.

Regarding masks that can be worn please note gators are not permitted as they have been found to not be as effective. We will be doing everything we can to keep your students and our staff safe and healthy. We ask that you do the same. Please make sure to keep your student home if they are not feeling well. If you have concerns you can always contact the main office.

Our Day

9:00-9:30 Children Arrive/Morning work

9:30-9:50 Circle time (Calendar, Weather, pledge, Counting Days, overview of the day)

9:50-9:55 Question of the Day

9:55-10:15 Snack/Bathroom

MORNING WORK BLOCK

12:30 Lunch/Recess

AFTERNOON WORK BLOCK

2:50-3:10 Snack/bathroom

3:10-3:30 Centers

3:45 Dismissal (Aftercare)

(Please note this is just a guide. Many things will change the times that things are done and the amount of time they take.)



What Your Student Needs

<u>A Backpack</u>: Please have your student bring in good size backpack each day, so that we can send home our class work, projects, homework and any school notices.

<u>Extra Clothes</u>: Please send in extra clothes. (even in Kindergarten accidents happen (those juice cups sometimes just jump off the table)) -PLEASE LABEL THESE-

<u>Extra Masks</u>: Please send in a few extra masks (in a Ziplock labeled). These will be used when one might have found its way to the floor or gets spilled on or even sneezed in.

Lunch/Snack: Since Park Shore will not be serving lunch/snacks I will ask you to send in a lunch box (LABELED) with a cooler pack in it. We will be keeping the lunch boxes separated in our classroom. We will be having two snacks during the day. Please label snack 1 and snack 2. This will make it easier for the students to be responsible for their food choices. We will provide water, but you can send in a drink.

<u>Smock</u>: We do like to paint and get messy so if you have a smock It would be a great thing to send in. (LABEL)

CLASSWORK

We do most of our work in the morning as it is the best time to get the children's attention and focus. Classwork is done as a whole class. Smaller groups are made for extra help with topics or extra practice and of course reading groups.

HOMEWORK

Homework is given during the week. It is usually a math sheet and something else that we have been learning in class. It is a way for the students to practice and show you the skills that they are working so hard on in class.

MAKE-UP WORK

If your student is absent we will keep their work in a folder and will send it home with them when they return. If it is just one day and we can do the work with them during center time we will catch them up that way.

LUNCH/SNACK

Due to CDC guidelines we will not be serving hot lunches or snacks at Park Shore this year. Please send your student in with a lunchbox with a cold pack in it. Please label what is the snacks that they should have (snack 1 & 2).

BATHROOMS

In kindergarten we have our bathrooms right in our class. We will have many scheduled bathroom breaks and handwashing breaks. The bathrooms will be cleaned throughout the day.

DISMISSAL

Dismissal is at 3:45. Your student will be brought to you. If your student is needing Aftercare they will remain in the classroom until they are picked up.



BIRTHDAYS

We can celebrate your sons/daughter's birthday in class by sending in a yummy snack. Since parents are not allowed in the classroom I will take a picture (or two) to send to you of our celebration.

We are no longer able to celebrate with homemade goodies. The items that you bring in can only be store bought with the ingredients on the packaging. You can also send in juice if you want but it is not necessary we can give them water.



SCHOLASTIC ORDERS

Each month I will send home a scholastic book order form. This is not something you have to do it is to give you an opportunity to get some good books and some good prices. It also helps the class get free books to add to our library. You can do it 2 ways - order online using the code given on the forms (I would prefer this method as it is less contact) or sending in the form and a check to me and I will send it in. Checks need to be made out to SCHOLASTICS

CONTACTING ME

You can use the contact form in the folder or write a note and put it in the folder. I will get all messages in the morning and respond accordingly. I am also available during the day. If you need to talk to me jot it down in a note with a number I can reach you at and I will try and contact you during the day. With the class not going to specials this may be difficult. In the case where I am not able to contact you during school hours I will reach out to you after dismissal or when I get home.

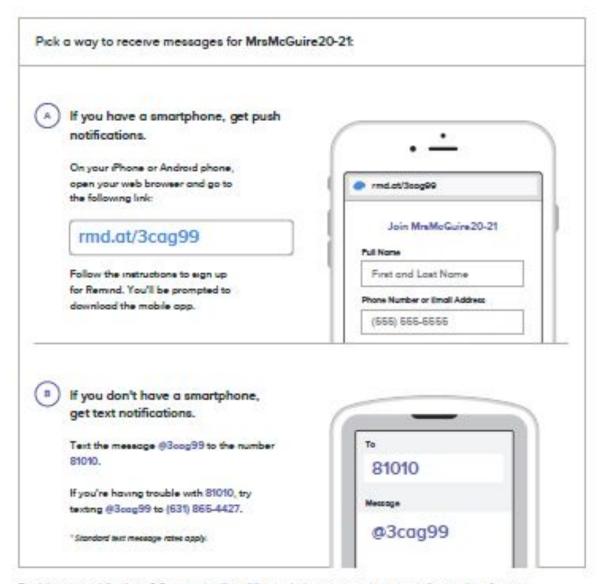
REMIND

Please take a moment to sign up for our class remind (Instructions on next page). I will use this to keep you informed of special happening in class or at school and I will send pictures of things we are doing in class. You can also contact me through this app. Please know that when you respond to my message or send me one I am the only one that sees it. This is a great way to keep in contact!



Sign up for important updates from Mrs. McGuire.

Get information for MrsMcGuire20-21 right on your phone-not on handouts.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to mid.at/300039 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

STUDENT INFORMATION	
Student Name:	
Age:	
Birthday:	
Address to learn:	
Phone number to learn:	
"Is this a cell or home?	
FAMILY	
Mom's name:	1
Dad's name:	
Sibling: Sibling:	Age:
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Pets:	1

BACKGROUND INFO

What school, if any, did they attend before kindergarten?_____

What are your child's interests:_____

What are your child's dislikes:_____

What is your child's favorite activities:_____

What are two goals for your child this year? ____

Is there anything else you would like me to know:

Next year your child will be going to: K

(circle one)

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