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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! I am excited to begin another new school year with a wonderful group of children. I look forward to getting to know your child and want your child to have a fun, safe, and successful school year.

Above I have listed the school phone number with my extension and my email address. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions throughout the school year. The best times to reach me at school are 7:30-8:10 am, 11:00-11:40, and 2:00-2:45 pm. I check my email multiple times each day during the school day. I am always willing to schedule a conference with you at any time.

School Hours:

Children are able to come to the classroom no earlier than 8:15 and dismissal is at 1:45. Oftentimes teachers are in meetings before school from 7:30-8:10. The first day of kindergarten is Tuesday, September 8.

Attendance:

A successful school experience is the responsibility of the children, the parent and the school. Your child’s progress, both academically and socially, is influenced to a great extent by daily participation. Regular attendance without tardiness is important. If you are bringing your child to school after 8:20 you must go to the office first to sign in.

Transportation:

If you plan on picking up your child that normally rides a bus or you wish for your child to ride a different bus you must send in a note to me or call the office at 426-3213. **If no note or phone call has been received, your child will be sent home by his/her usual method of transportation.**

Communication:

I will send all schoolwork and important reminders home with your child in their folder provided by the school. It is very important that you check this folder every night. I remind children each morning to take out their folder and place it in the folder bin. All TLC money, book orders, letters/notes should be sent in the folder. I will not be looking through your child’s backpack for bus notes. I will be using ClassDojo to share photos, message families, and post updates regularly. You can connect to ClassDojo using this link: <https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=CF4EMZC>

Please check out the kindergarten website for updates, field trip information, weekly newsletters, schedules and more at <http://tuskindergartennews.weebly.com/>.

Daily items needed:

Please send the following items to school each week/day:

* a set of extra clothing to be left at school in case of an accident
* extra face masks
* daily healthy snack
* daily water bottle (I will not allow students to drink from the water fountain this school year due to the higher risk of spreading germs.)
* shoes that are easy to put on and take off

Breakfast:

Twinfield Union School provides free breakfast to all students. I will have the breakfast already set up in the classroom prior to the start of the day. If your child has dietary restrictions, please let me know.

Lunch:

You can choose to have your child get school lunch or bring a lunch from home. Please be sure your child knows what is for snack and what is for lunch. It can be very confusing to a kindergarten student at the beginning of the school year.

Snack:

We will have a small snack daily. Please send your child to school with a **healthy** snack. If you forget, I will encourage your child to save some food from the breakfast bin.

ECO (Educating Children Outdoors) Program:

The kindergarten program will continue the ECO program this school year to enhance our science curriculum. We will be going outside daily. Please be sure your child has appropriate outdoor gear daily so that are comfortable being outside. I have some extra outdoor gear in the classroom if we go out and your child is not dressed for the weather. All clothing is clean and will be washed before another child wears it.

Schedule:

The schedule is still not complete. I will update the website once recess and allied arts schedules are in place.

Toys:

Please help your child remember to keep all personal toys at home. I tell my students personal toys are not allowed at school because they may be lost, stolen, or broken.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I am excited to be your child’s teacher and I plan to provide a fun and safe learning environment. Thanks for sharing your child with me!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Emerson