

APA Kindergarten Orientation

Here at APA we are working so hard on sanitation and keeping the school as safe as possible. In my classroom specifically, I am working with your students extra hard on washing their hands after using the bathroom, entering the room and putting sanitizer on especially after groups and recess, and also the correct way we wear the mask along with some other mask etiquette ideas.

Kindergarten Curriculum

- Reading Mastery, Connecting Math Concepts (CMC), Core Knowledge (science, geography, history, literature), Interactive Math, Art, Music, Cursive, and the State Core Curriculum.

Homework (always complete in PENCIL please :)

- Read to your child every day for 15 minutes minimum.
- Check your child's learning plan every night to see if they have homework in reading, math, or cursive (extra practice).
- Please provide a positive, screen-free environment for your child to complete their homework.

Learning Plan

Every student will receive a blue APA docket and should bring it to school every day. This docket will include a weekly **Learning Plan** (given to your child every Monday).

- The learning plan will detail any homework that your child has been assigned.
- The learning plan will have notes from me and there is also a place for you to write notes about any questions or concerns.
- The learning plan should be signed by you every single day. This lets me know that you have seen it and that you are aware of what is happening in our classroom.
- The learning plan will also let you know about your child's behavior (Behavior Log and code on the back of the Learning Plan).

Star Chart

In our classroom we use a star chart to help understand the behavior system in the classroom. There are 5 levels starting with purple, then blue, red, yellow, and finally green with the goal is to get to green every day. Purple symbolizes that the student had a difficult day whether that be with myself in homeroom or in the child's groups class. We want to recognize and reward the student with clip-ups for the positives we see all day. Some things that could help a student clip-up is sitting in learning position, having a learning plan signed, etc...

Docket

In the docket, there are 6 folders: Red, Yellow, Purple, Green, Blue, Grey, and Manila. There are subject labels at the top of each of these. All of the papers that are

in these folders should stay there except the "Take Home". The only folder that needs to be cleaned out weekly is the "Take Home" folder.

- **Red:** "Reading" - Reading homework will consist of brief practice pages not finished in class and possibly stories from reading class.
- **Yellow:** "Math" - Homework will consist of work pages not finished in class, perhaps worksheets, perhaps workbook pages.
- **Purple:** "Language Arts" - Your child will keep a cursive packet in this folder. It will not always be homework, but there are extra practice pages almost daily and your child will be rewarded for completing them if not completed in class.
- **Green, Blue:** "Science & History" - Never homework unless notified- please do not remove items.
- **Manila:** "Take Home" - The papers can be KEPT AT HOME (or thrown away!) **Please clean out this folder weekly.**
- **Gray: Reading University (RU)** This folder will have your student's RU log. To receive an "A" grade in Reading University, students need to read – or be read to– a minimum of **eight** books from the Reading University list each term. You can find this list on APA's website:

***Your child will be able to check out 2 books from the classroom library to read each week and fulfill this requirement. You may also find RU books at your local library. When your student has completed a book, please write it on the RU log.

***Please help your child take good care of our classroom library books. They are checked out to your child personally and any damages or loss may result in fines.

- **Orange:** "Spelling"- Your students will keep their morning seat work in this folder. Please do not remove from folder as it is going to be work for the students throughout the week and will be collected on Fridays.

*There is going to be a pencil with a grippie in your child's docket. This is meant to stay home and for the student to practice holding their grippie the correct way. Please help your student practice as much as you can.

School Uniform

- Please see the online uniform guide. (Full uniform is required daily). Below is the YouTube video for guidelines on Kindergarten uniform.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u79BP-loQwk>

Classroom Rules

- Please help your students by reminding them of these 5 essential classroom rules.
 1. No talking when the teacher is talking.
 2. Raise your hand when you want to speak or need help.
 3. Stay in your seat unless you ask.
 4. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
 5. Follow directions quickly.

Volunteers

- We are still looking into the guidelines and regulations about Parent Volunteers and what we can have them do. I will let you know as soon as there has been more clarification on this.

Groups

- In addition to the homeroom subjects I teach, we will soon have students start attending an Intensive Math and an Intensive Reading group. Your students may have different teachers for this but this is where they are going to learn more within these two subjects.

So excited to learn with your child this year! Thank you for being a part of APA!