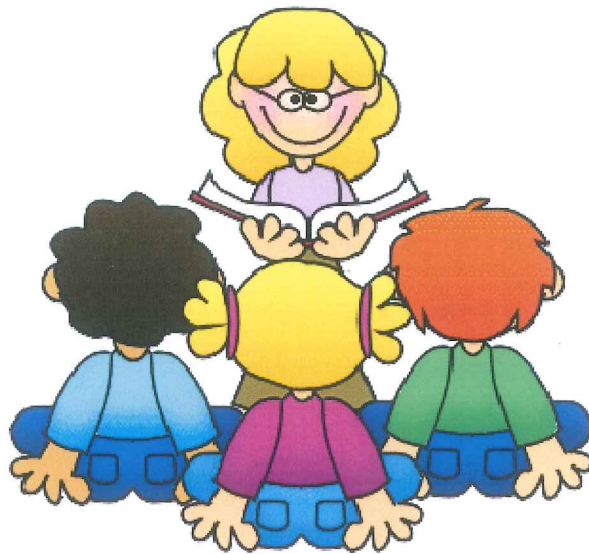


# **Stopher Elementary School Kindergarten Handbook**



**2019—2020**

# The First Day of Kindergarten

## What Your Child Will Need

- Supplies
- One Snack (in a bag labeled "SNACK") \*water bottle/juice optional. No soda or candy, please.
- Complete Change of Clothing (in a ziplock bag labeled with child's name)
- Closed-Toe Shoes (\*Please wear tennis shoes on gym days)
- Lunch – bring your own or purchase – please memorize lunch #

## What You Need to Do

- Provide supplies at home for homework
- Early bedtimes for children (\*we don't have naps in K)
- Return all necessary papers
- Join the P.T.A
- Display car rider tag
- Arrive no later than 9:00 A.M. (Class begins at 9:05. Late arrivals must get a tardy slip.)
- Allow bus riders to ride the bus the first day (\*You may follow the bus)

## Help Your Kindergartner be Successful

**Parents and Teacher Work Together:** Help your child build responsibility, independence, good work habits, and a love for learning.

**Support From Home:** Be an active part in your child's school career. Please keep in regular contact with your child's teacher through written and verbal communication.

**Daily Attendance:** It is extremely important. However, sick children should stay home. If your child is ill, please call the office to let them know your child will be absent. Upon your child's return to school, send in an absence note in order for the absence to be marked excused.

**Avoid Being Tardy:** Instruction begins at 9:05.

**Rules:** These will be established and posted the first week of school.

**Behavior/Work Habits:** The K-team uses the traffic light management system. Please check your child's folder calendar daily to see what color light s/he received for the day, and initial it.

A green light indicates your child had a great day and to keep going! A yellow light means your child had to be given reminders to slow down and to be cautious. A red light indicates your child had numerous warnings and needs to make better choices. Each classroom teacher will explain how she manages this system.

**Take-Home Folder:** Homework and all paperwork should be sent to school in this folder. **We do not check backpacks.** Please remove checked work daily. Any money sent to school should be sent in an envelope labeled with your child's name, teacher's name, what the \$ is for, and placed in the folder.

**Homework:** This will begin in September and should be returned to school inside your child's folder. \*We DO NOT check backpacks.

**Reading:** Please practice every night! Reading at school is NOT enough. Please provide time for this! Sight words must be read fluently – this requires at-home support.

**Birthdays:** If your child wants to celebrate his/her birthday with the class, please send in a store-bought treat. Drinks are optional. Please provide all necessary supplies, such as napkins, for celebration. Please contact your child's teacher in advance to confirm the number of students. Birthday invitations may only be placed in folders if the entire class is invited. Otherwise, you will need to mail them or contact parents another way.

**Field Trips:** Information will be sent home prior to the trip. Any chaperones must have a background check on file with the district. The form is available online at the JCPS website. No siblings are allowed on field trips.

**Conferences:** We are always glad to discuss your child's progress with you at any point in the year. Please contact your child's teacher if you'd like to schedule a conference. Impromptu meetings at arrival and dismissal are too hectic. There is a district-wide conference day on October 8<sup>th</sup> this year.

In closing, we look forward to meeting your kindergartner and working with you to ensure that your child has a wonderful first year of formal education.

Sincerely,

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