

Full Day Kindergarten  
Important Parent Information

- **Please send your child to school with the following:**
  - Backpack
  - A healthy snack that can be eaten in about 10-15 minutes
  - Water bottle filled with water
  - Change of clothes (underwear, shirt, pants, socks)
    - Be sure to label everything!
  
- **School starts at 8:20-** if a student is late they will need to stop in the lobby and get a late slip.
  
- **Morning arrival-** Please drop your child off by the big playground. Please do not let your child out of the car until it is time.
  
- **Dismissal 2:15-** Students will either be picked up by car or go to the after-care program (please call Rochester Childcare for more information regarding the after-care program at Gonic School)
  - For **car pickup** please meet us on the side of the building in your car.
    - Ms. Peterson's class- Please stay in the left most lane and pull up to the first blue door after the small playground on the left.
    - Mrs. Copp's class- Please stay in the right most lane and pull up to the door with railing on the back side of the building near the large parking lot.



- **Morning bus to school only-** Please check with the office if you are unsure as to which bus your child will take to school.
- **UP** (Rochester Child Care Center School program)- RCCC provides morning and afternoon child care! Please contact the program coordinator at (603) 332-9333 to sign your child up for morning, afternoon, or both sessions.
- **On the first day of school-** The bell will ring at 8:20. Students will come right into school and will be escorted to their classroom by a teacher. Unfortunately no parents are allowed in the building at this time.
- The first days of school are spent on classroom community, procedures, and expectations- WE PLAN TO TAKE IT SLOWLY UNTIL EVERYONE IS COMFORTABLE!

- **Snack Milk-** White milk is available everyday. Friday is chocolate milk day at snack time (white is available too). Snack milk is 55 cents.
- **Snack-** Please pack a healthy snack in a SEPARATE snack bag. 2 to 3 items max that can be eaten in 10-15 minutes. \* The children love sharing their snack, but we ask them not to- Allergies and also because parents won't know what they've eaten.
- **Lunch-**
  - Complete the weekly lunch sheet (sent home in Friday folders)
  - Fill out lunch money envelope (include money for a whole weeks worth or pay online)- Lunch is free this year (milk included), if your child just wants milk and home lunch milk is 55 cents.
    - Hot lunch- Choices vary by day and all come with milk
    - Lunch from home- If your child is bringing a cold lunch, but would also like milk with their cold lunch, please be sure to clearly mark it on their lunch sheet. \*This truly helps ease the confusion because most times children get confused between lunch milk and snack milk.

\* Lunch menus are not available until the first day of school. Please send a note in with your child or dojo message to let us know what they will have on the first day!
- Please write a note or send us a dojo message if your child will **not** be going home in the usual way.
- Please mark **EVERYTHING** with your child's name: jackets, sweaters, backpacks, mittens, hats.....anything that is not attached to your child :)
- **Friday Folders-** These are colored folders that go home each Friday unless it has been a short week. Please take out all materials inside the folders and **return the folder each Monday with completed lunch form.**
- No toys, stuffed animals, or electronics please!
- **Core Knowledge Language Arts-** This is a new curriculum that we are starting this year. The students will get instruction in a whole group setting. This curriculum is given in two different strands; skills and knowledge. There are take-home papers that will be sent home weekly that will help your child practice skills at home.

- **Everyday Math Series-** This program is age appropriate for Kindergarten as the lessons and activities incorporate games to make learning fun and entertaining!
- **Behavior Expectations-** Be nice, Be safe, Do the right thing!
- **Conferences-** In November, more information to come.
- **Report Cards-** Our district runs on trimesters. First report cards will go home at conference time in November.
- **Communication-** We use a classroom management app in our class called Classroom Dojo. It has a messenger app...this is the BEST way to communicate, email would be the second best (Mrs. Peterson- [orrok.a@sau54.org](mailto:orrok.a@sau54.org) Mrs. Copp- [copp.a@sau54.org](mailto:copp.a@sau54.org) )

We are so looking forward to having a GREAT year!!!!

\*Many things have changed due to COVID please bear with us as we navigate through all the changes. We will do our best to keep our classroom clean and safe for your child!