

Kindergarten

MRS.
DUMAN'S
CLASS

The First Day

I gave you a little wink and smile
As you entered my room today.
For I know how hard it is to leave
And know your child must stay.
You've been with him for five years now
And have been a loving guide,
But now, alas, the time has come
To leave him at my side.
Just know that as you drive away
And tears down your cheeks may flow
I'll love him as I would my own
And help him learn and grow.
For as a parent, I too know
How quickly the years do pass
And that one day soon it will be my turn
To take my child to class.
So please put your mind at ease
And cry those tears no more
For I will love him and take him in
When you leave him at my door.

- Author Unknown

Welcome to Kindergarten!!!

My name is Jen Duman, and I am so excited to be your child's teacher this year!

I will also have a student teacher this semester from Eastern Michigan University. Her name is Mrs. El-Mohri. Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself! It was great to see so many of you at our kindergarten pre-assessments and picnic. Thank you all for coming!

The first few weeks of kindergarten will be spent learning classroom and school rules and routines. Tuesday, September 20 is curriculum night from 6:30-8. At that time you will learn more about the specifics of the curriculum.

We have many safeguards in place to ensure that your child makes a smooth transition both into school in the morning, as well as after school on the way home. If you are dropping off your child in the morning, please use the front doors by the office. Kindergartners will line up along the outer office wall, and walk down with adult assistance a few minutes before the bell. If you pick up at the end of the day, you can wait outside my green outer door to the parking lot (the last door at the end of the building). I will prop it open a few minutes before the bell and dismiss pick-up students after we get the bus kids out. If you have any particular concerns about drop off, or pick up, please email me at duman@aaps.k12.mi.us.

More About Our Class

You can learn more about weekly classroom activities by going to our class website:

www.mrsdumansclass.com

I am working on getting it back up, and revamped so check back next week!

How You Can Help!

Donations

Many parents have been asking what supplies are necessary to start school. There are no required supplies to start kindergarten (other than a backpack) however there are many things necessary to function on a daily basis that are not supplied by the district. Any donations of these items would be wonderful! There is a bus poster on our classroom door with necessary items that is updated often. Here is a list of other items that we are always in need of. Thank you for your generous support!

- * Kleenex Tissues
- * Clorox Wipes
- * Hand Sanitizer
- * Glue Sticks
- * Bottles of Elmer's Glue
- * Cardstock of any color
- * Paints/Paintbrushes
- * Plastic Baggies - Big and Small
- * Band-Aids
- * Vis-A-Vis Pens
- * Dry Erase Markers

Helping Out

Parental Involvement is an essential part to our classroom. This might look many different ways - helping in class, helping prep things at home, being a room parent, organizing book orders, helping update the website, sharing a talent, and on and on. At curriculum night, I will have a sign-up sheet with a variety of options for helping out.

Snacks

For the first week of school I will provide snacks for students in the afternoons. I will send a note home about snack donations at the end of the week, which details any allergies or dietary restrictions. Thanks for your understanding!