

Welcome to Kindergarten!



Dear Rm#3 Parents/Guardians,

My name is Mrs. Bacchus and I will be your child's kindergarten teacher. This year will be an exciting and fun-filled year for you and your child. You will be amazed at all of the things your child will learn this year.

I hope you will become involved in your child's academic life. A child benefits greatly when a parent is involved in school. You can help your child by making sure he/she eats healthy meals, gets plenty of rest, arrives at school on time, and completes all homework assignments. Now is the time to set habits that will ensure your child's success throughout his/her school years.

Kindergarten Hours 9:00 - 3:20

(No student should arrive before 9:00 am)

A designated responsible escort with ID must sign out and pick up all kindergarten students on time. The school office must be notified by phone or written note if an emergency arises and an unlisted person needs to pick up your child. All escorts are expected to pick up children on time between 3:20-3:30. Any child not picked up by 3:30 will be escorted to the office.

Lateness is not tolerated. All students should be in line by 9:00, in the kindergarten yard. If you arrive after 9:00 please go in the front doors and sign your child in at the late desk. Excessive absences and lateness will result in detentions and loss of trip privileges.

Inclement Weather:

Arrival; Children enter through the main yard door and go into room 3 where they will be monitored.

Dismissal: Pick up as usual, is at 3:20pm. Any remaining children will be escorted to the office hall. Parents can enter through the main doors to pick up the students

Communications: Class Dojo Messages

Appointments must be made in advance to discuss concerns about your child. This is necessary because I must supervise the other students' arrival and dismissal. You may contact me with a phone call (215-400-3690) or a written note in your child's homework folder. I will respond promptly. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns and questions. Also, please let me know about any significant changes in the life of your child so that I can help support them in the classroom. I appreciate hearing from you.

Personal Belongings

All outside clothing and supplies should be labeled with your child's name and room #3. This is especially important for uniform sweaters. Belts that your child

cannot fasten independently are not to be worn to school. Please be sure your child can independently fasten his/her coat as well.

TOYS ARE NEVER TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.

Please check and empty your child's book bag each night. I will be sending home classwork, homework, and special projects. Cleaning out the book bag will provide you with an opportunity to congratulate your child on jobs well done!

Medicine

Medicine is not to be sent to school unless the school nurse has been notified and proper forms have been filled out. An adult must take the medicine directly to the nurse.

Absences

Notes are required explaining your child's absence and should be sent on the **day of return**. Failure to do so will result in the absence being recorded as "**parental neglect**".

Meals

Free breakfast and lunch are served each day.

SNACK: A healthy snack should be sent to school each day. No candy or chips allowed! Suggestions - carrots, pretzels, raisins, or fruit . You may also send a bottle of plain water but no other drinks.

Uniforms

Uniforms are to be worn each day as mandated. This includes light blue shirts/navy blue bottoms along with black shoes or sneakers. No sandals. Our uniform policy will be strictly enforced this year! **Gym uniforms** should be purchased at Back to School Night. Plain navy blue sweat suits and regular school uniform shirts will be acceptable until the gym uniform shirts arrive.

The dress code will be strictly enforced. The following is accepted attire for Prince Hall Students:

Grades K-4: Light blue shirt and navy bottom with black shoes and/or dark sneakers only.

Scholastic Book Club

Room 105 will be participating in the Scholastic Book Club. Book order forms will be sent home once a month so you may order the inexpensive books from the form. There is no minimum to order, no tax, and no shipping and handling cost! I highly recommend participation because the books are on your child's reading and listening level. Reading books to and with your child builds vocabulary and reading skills. However, purchasing books is not mandatory.

100 Book Challenge/Read To Me: As part of homework, please read and record every 15 minutes of reading (1 step) completed at home. Students may log up to (2 steps) which is (30) minutes of reading per night. This includes reading to your child with the (Read to Me) book. PLEASE KEEP THE BOOKS IN THE PLASTIC BAG TO AVOID LOSS OR DAMAGE! There will be a cost for damaged or lost books.

Special Class Schedule

Monday-Friday: Students will have a designated prep on each day. These include:
Gym, Digital Literacy, Art

On gym days please wear the proper uniform listed above.

On gym days only – gym uniform:

Prince Hall Gym Shirt (Purchased by Home and School) or Blue Uniform Shirt. Students may wear navy blue, royal blue or black sweatpants.

Prince Hall School Website: <https://princehall.philasd.org/>

***First Day**

Parents are asked to say their good-byes in the yard. No parents will be admitted to the classroom. This policy helps all children to make a smoother transition.

Thank you. I look forward to getting to know you and your child.

Mrs. Bacchus, M.Ed

No additional supplies are needed at this time!