



Dear Parents,

As your child begins their school career, we would like to welcome you to Starling Elementary. We are embarking on an exciting adventure. As you prepare your child for their first day of school, please take a few moments to review our helpful suggestions and

reminders. We look forward to an exciting school year and working together for your child's future!

Sincerely,

Starling Kindergarten Teachers & Paraprofessionals

Kindergarten Helpful Suggestions & Reminders

- * **Read, Read & Read:** Spend a few moments each day reading to and with your child. Research indicates that children who are read to experience greater school success. The local library is a great resource; please visit it regularly!
- * **Snacks:** We will have snack in our classroom daily. Please send a *healthy* snack and a bottle of water with your child (No chips, cookies or candy.) We would like to keep our classroom clean. Please do not send juice or flavored waters with your child's snack.
- * **Clothing:** Kindergarten is messy! Please dress your child in comfortable clothing and shoes. *Please also send an additional set of clothes in your child's book bag; Accidents happen.*

- * **Rest:** Please make sure that your child gets plenty of rest each night. We have a busy day at school and want your child to be well rested and ready for an exciting day of learning. Our Kindergarteners do *not* take naps at school.
- * **Attendance & Tardies:** Regular school attendance is essential to your child's success in school. Please make every effort to have your child at school, on-time, every day. Our school hours are from 8:15 am-2:45 pm.
- * **School Supplies:** Please send your child's school supplies to school as soon as possible.
- * **Lunch & Breakfast:** Your child can purchase a nutritional breakfast and lunch from our cafeteria. Breakfast costs \$1.50 and lunch \$2.25. You may pre-pay for meals at www.mypaymentsplus.com. We will be getting used to eating in the lunchroom and kindly request that you wait until after August 18th to join your student for lunch.
- * **Starling PTA:** Please support our school by joining our PTA. It is a wonderful opportunity to support your child and our school.
www.starlingpta.org
- * **Comfort & Coffee:** Please join the Kindergarten Assistant Principal Jacinta Henry, on Tuesday, August 5th at 8:15AM, to celebrate your child's school journey and comfort parents as they embark on this new adventure.
- * **Curriculum Night-** Come visit your child's classroom and learn all about the Kindergarten curriculum. The date will be announced in the future.

