

Welcome to KH!!



My name is Rebecca Noecker, and I am excited to have your child in my class this year. The following is important kindergarten information to keep on hand. Throughout the year I will send home monthly newsletters and calendars to keep you up to date with what is happening in the classroom.

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Kindergarten Curriculum

The reading series we use is McGraw Hill Wonders. This reading program is aligned to the Common Core Standards. It includes the five components of reading. They are phonics, phonemic awareness, comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary. Your child will be instructed in both large group and small guided reading groups.

Every day during reading your child will be doing the Daily Five when they are not in a guided reading group. The components of the Daily Five are read to self, read to someone, listen to reading, work on writing, and word work. This work is student driven, highly motivating, and gives your child practice in purposeful reading and writing.

We use the EnVision math program. This series is also aligned to the Common Core Standards. It will include both whole and small group instruction.

When students are not in a small math group they will be doing the Daily Three. The components include math by myself, math with someone, and math writing.

We write every day in kindergarten. We do Writing Workshop. This program is based on the natural stages your child goes through on their way to becoming great writ-

ers. Your child will learn the writing process and write in the genres of narrative, informational, and opinion.

The beginning of the school year will focus on rules and procedures. Your child will also begin writing their names on every paper they complete. Your child will need to print their full first name, not a nickname. The first letter is capital, and the rest are lowercase.

The following is a list of your child's other teachers.

Mrs. Binns	-art
Mr. Pietsch	-music
Mr. Havanko	-library
Mrs. Wolfinger	-gym



Lunch

This year your child will be eating lunch in the cafeteria. We have a point of sale program. You will need to send all lunch money in the POS envelope. Money is not accepted in the lunch line. You may send money in whenever you like, but an envelope will be sent home when the money is running low. You may also manage your child's account at www.myschoolaccount.com. Your child will have a lunch number they need to punch in the pin pad to purchase lunch. Please review your child's lunch number with them. Every day your child will have a choice between the regular lunch entrée or a sandwich. There will be different sandwiches offered, but we don't know what will be offered each day.



Arrival/Dismissal

Buses drop students off at 8:30 am. If your child will be eating breakfast, they will go to the cafeteria. If they don't, they will come directly to the classroom. If students are not in homeroom by 8:51, they are considered tardy. Buses begin dismissing at 3:30 pm. If there is any change in dismissal, please put it in writing.

Take Home Folders

Your child will receive a take home folder. Every night the folder will come home with important papers. One side will be labeled 'keep at home'. The other side will be labeled 'return to school'. Any papers on the keep side may be kept at home. Papers on the return side need to come back to school as soon as possible. Please check the folders daily and talk with your child about papers they have done during the day. Your child's behavior calendar will also be in their folders. Please keep them on the return side so we have them every day at school to fill out.

School Supplies

Your child will need to bring a backpack to school every day. You may bring in an art smock for your child to use in the classroom for messy art projects. You may also bring in headphones or earbuds for the ipads. We will supply pencils, scissors, paper, and glue. Please leave your personal supplies at home.



Kindergarten Attire

A child's work is play. We do art projects, play on the floor, and go outside to recess every day. Please dress your child appropriately. Sneakers are always a great choice for footwear.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent you need to call them off on the absentee hotline. The number is 610-562-2241, follow the prompts for the attendance office. You may call this number 24/7. I will send home an excuse card when your child returns to school. You have three days from the absence to send back the excuse card. I will send home any missed work for your child to bring back as soon as they can.

Book Club Orders

Every month I will send home book clubs from Scholastic. This is a good opportunity to purchase books at a low price. You do not have to purchase anything. Send back the order form by the due date if you would like to purchase. Include a check made payable to Scholastic. If you are ordering from more than one book club, you may write one check. It usually takes 2-3 weeks for delivery.

Show and Tell

We will usually have show and tell once a month. Every month's calendar will have show and tell days listed. Your child should not bring in anything bigger than their backpack. They may only bring in one item to show.

Visitors

For the safety and security of our students, the doors are always locked. You will need to ring the buzzer out front when you arrive, and our secretary, Mrs. Good, will let you in. You need to report to the office before coming to the classroom.

Cycle Days

We use cycle days. We are on a five day cycle with Days A-E. Every day will be assigned a cycle day beginning with A. Every calendar that comes home will have the cycle days listed. If we miss school for a scheduled day off or snow day, that day's cycle day will be moved to the next day school is in session.

Birthdays

Your child may bring in treats for their birthday. If you are having a party that you need invitations passed out, I will only pass them out if everyone in the room receives one. Otherwise, the result is hurt feelings.

Star Student

Every week we will have a star student. You will receive a paper with everyone's star student week, and they will also be listed on each month's calendar. A poster board will come home the week before your child's week. Your child may decorate it however they want. They may use pictures or draw their own. Your child will need to bring in their poster Monday of their week. On that day they may also bring in a show and tell to share with the class. We will hang up the poster for the week before it is sent home.



Snack

We will have a snack every day. If you would like to bring in snack please sign up on the paper. The monthly calendars will include whose snack day it is. You may bring in a drink, but you don't have to. Please bring in a healthy snack such as pretzels, crackers, fruit, popcorn, etc.



I am looking forward to an exciting year working with your child. Communication is important for your child's success. If at any time during the year you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me. You may call 610-562-2241 ext. 4113, email me at rebnoe@hasdhawks.org, or send me a note in your child's folder.

Mrs. Rebecca Noecker