

Welcome to Kindergarten

I am very excited to be your child’s teacher for the upcoming school year. Each child has a different set of abilities, and I will enjoy getting to know them and guiding them through their new journey. I hope that by working together, we can make this a successful year for everyone. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. You can put a note in your child’s folder, call the school at (610)562-2241 ext. 5106, or e-mail me at liscon@hasdhawks.org.

The following is kindergarten information to keep accessible. I will also send home a monthly calendar that will include the cycle days, specials, snack rotation as well as important dates to remember. Other important information can be found on my teacher page on the Hamburg website at

<http://www.hasdhawks.org/>.

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**Kindergarten Curriculum**

**Reading**

We use a combination of several reading programs in Kindergarten. Fundations is a phonics program that introduces your child to letters, sounds, and letter formation. We also use McGraw-Hill Reading Wonders. This is a guided reading programs that is aligned to the Common Core Standards by focusing on 5 essential components of reading (phonics, phonemic awareness, comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary). Literacy Footprints is also a guided reading program that integrates reading, writing, and word study with leveled texts in a variety of genres. Your child will be placed in a flexible reading group based on their appropriate level. Many assessments will be used to ensure your child masters the material. Please take a few minutes each night to have your child read their reading book to you and practice their sight words.

During reading, your child will also be working in Daily 5 when they are not in their reading group. Daily 5 consists of 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.

**Writing**

Writing Workshop is used in kindergarten to guide your child through the process of writing. Mini lessons are used to focus on the process of writing as well as grammar and punctuation.

**Math**

We use Pearson enVision math. This program is aligned to the Common Core Standards and promotes in-depth understanding of material. Concepts will be modeled with guided practice and individual practice with the use of many hands on manipulatives. Students will also be placed in groups according to their needs. In small groups, students will work with the teacher or work in Daily 3 for individual practice. The Daily 3 consists of Math by Myself, Math with a Partner, and Math in Writing.

**Unit Study**

Units for the beginning of the school year include colors, shapes, cutting, tracing, reading readiness, and printing first names. Your child will need to print his/her full first name by using the model of the alphabet attached. The first letter should be capital and the rest are lowercase. We will also focus on learning school rules and procedures.

**School Cycle Days**

**Visitors**

For the safety of our students, the doors are locked during the day. You will need to report to the office and they will let you in. You will also need to sign in at the office and wear a visitor tag before reporting to the classroom.

A five day cycle is used for scheduling the special classes. The first day of school will be Day A. Each day that follows will be assigned a consecutive day letter- B, C, D, and E. After Day E, a new cycle will begin. Snow days and vacation days will not be part of the five day cycle. The cycle only continues when school is in session. If school is cancelled, please remember to move the missed day’s cycle letter to the next day school is in session. I will indicate the cycle days on the monthly calendar.

Your child’s special class teachers are:

Mrs. Laura O’Keefe -Art

Mrs. Leslie Weaver -Music

Mrs. Tana Koller -Library

Mr. David Miller -Gym

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**Take Home Folders**

Your child will be given a folder with two pockets. One pocket is labeled ‘keep at home’. Please remove the papers in this pocket every night. The other pocket is labeled ‘return to school’. These papers need to be returned to me. Remember to look in your child’s folder every night because this is where you will find work completed in class and any other important information. Please have your child bring this folder to school every day.



**Arrival/Dismissal**

When you drop off your child, please drop them off at the front office. Remember that parking is limited. Students will be allowed to enter the building at 8:45. Please escort your child to the door. If your child arrives after 8:50, they will be considered tardy and you will need to bring

them to the office to sign them in. Bus students will be dismissed at 3:25. You may also pick up your child at 3:25 if they are not riding the bus.

All students will receive a lanyard with bus information on the first day of school. Please have them wear it to and from school for at least the first week of school to help eliminate any confusion at dismissal time.

***I will need to know of any change in your child’s dismissal. You can send a note in your child’s folder or call the office at (610)562-2241 to speak to the secretary.***

***Please do not e-mail this information because I may not see it before the end of the day.***

**Behavior Management**

**Absences**

When your child is absent from school, you will need to call the attendance office that morning. The number for that office is **610-562-2241**. Your child will receive an excuse card on the day they return. Your signature is required on the card, and needs to be returned within three days. A doctor’s note may be attached to the excuse card. Missed work will be sent home to be completed and returned.

For the first few weeks of school, we will focus on learning the classroom rules in order for the students to know that good behavior is expected from them. The rules are age appropriate and simple to remember.

Perry uses school wide rules to reinforce positive behavior. The rules are taught, modeled, and reinforced with rewards. Students will earn tickets for following those rules. More information will follow at a later date.

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**Book Club Orders**

Book club order forms will be sent home several times during the year. If you choose to buy books, all orders can be placed online with the class information that will be sent home. Please complete the order by the due date.

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**Birthdays**

Treats are welcome in the classroom. Please let me know ahead of time so I can fit them into the schedule. The treats can be dropped off in the office. No homemade baked goods please. Only food with labels will be accepted. Summer birthdays will be celebrated the last month of school. If your child is having a birthday party

and requires handing out invitations, I will be glad to hand them out only if every child will receive one. Otherwise the result would be hurt feelings.

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**Show and Tell**

We will have show and tell occasionally throughout the year. The dates will be indicated on the monthly calendar. Most show and tell days will have a theme. Your child may bring in one item that fits in their backpack related to the theme.

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**Snack**

We will have a snack each day. The monthly calendar will indicate when it is your child’s snack day. When it is your turn, please bring in a nutritional snack for the entire class. You do not need to send in drink. If you are not able to contribute snacks, please let me know. **Only store bought food with labels will be accepted due to allergies.**

**Lunch**

Your child will be eating lunch in the cafeteria. A lunch menu can be found on the school website. This will help you decide if your child will buy or pack. A copy of the menu will not be sent home unless requested. Money is not accepted in the lunch line. The school has a point of sale program. Your child will be assigned a lunch number. They will need to enter this number into a keypad to purchase a lunch. Please help your child learn their number by practicing on a calculator. They will have a card with their number on it until they are able to memorize it. You will need to send lunch money to school in the POS envelope provided by the school. Please fill out the front of the envelope completely. A new envelope will be sent home when the account is running low on money. You may also create an account to add funds to your child’s account at [www.myschoolaccount.com](http://www.myschoolaccount.com) .

**School Supplies**

Your child should bring a backpack to school every day. Make sure to put your child’s name on any personal belongings brought to school.

The school supplies crayons, glue, scissors, and pencils.

 ***This year, please send in 2 masks per day along with a lanyard to hold the mask.***

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**Kindergarten Attire**

A child’s work is play. We will play on the playground, sit on the floor, and make many craft projects. Please make sure your child dresses for these types of activities. Flip flops are not recommended. They can cause injury when children are at play. On gym and music days, your child will need to wear sneakers.

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I look forward to an exciting year. Again, please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

 Mrs. Lisa Conrad

 Kindergarten Teacher