



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten at Avalon! I am delighted to be working with your child this year. We have an exciting year planned full of opportunities for learning and growing. Your child will be studying about many aspects of life including: self, home, family, and community.

This year we have a Kindergarten Supply Fee of \$20 to cover the cost of school supplies. This should be paid by the first day of school, Monday, August 23rd. I will go and purchase community supplies. This allows everyone to share nicely and we then have uniform materials.

A few notes...

Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home. I will take them and keep them until the end of the week.

Please send in and label an extra set of underwear, pants, and socks inside a gallon size plastic bag. We want everyone to be comfortable in case of an accident. Also, please label every piece of clothing you send with your child: sweaters, sweatshirts, shoes, hats, etc...

Snacks: Each month a snack list will be sent home with assigned days for each student. The snacks should be healthy type foods such as: carrots, popcorn, apple sauce, Cheezits, graham crackers, and fresh fruit. No cookies, brownies, chips, or Cheetos please. Please provide enough for 30 students as well as plastic wear if needed. Thanks!!

Homework: Homework will be in the 2-pocket folder, provided by the school, and will come home each day. Please make a point to check the folder for school notes and important information *frequently*. We will send kindergarten reading level books home

weekly for your child to practice. Please discuss the pictures in the book as well as letters/words we have learned. Also, have your child practice pointing to each word as you read to him/her. Make a point to read to your child every night and write down the title of the book on the **Reading Log** sheet provided. Reading Log Directions: *After reading a story from home or the level books we send home to you, your child will draw a picture in the empty box of their favorite part of the story. You may record their explanation of their drawing on the lines provided. Toward the middle of the year, students will be expected to begin to write in their own answers in complete sentences.* Feel free to read your own books from home or books from the public library! Handwriting and math homework will be included as well. **Each week, your child will be learning new sight words.** On Friday of each week, we will assess your child to see if they can read those words on their own by looking at flashcards. I will announce the next set of **Sight Words of the Week** on the weekly newsletters, which go home in the daily folder every Friday. I recommend creating sight word flashcards and keeping them to practice all year. At the end of the year, you will be able to have a large collection of all the learned sight words! No homework will be assigned over the weekend. We will not give homework the first week of school. We will be grading homework each week; do not assume your child is completing the homework. **Check their folder for notes and assignments each and every night!**

Behavior: With regard to behavior, your child will be expected to act in a manner that will ensure safety and consideration for the feelings of others. A weekly homework and behavior report will be kept in the homework folder it will go home every Friday, it needs to be signed and returned on Monday. This report will reflect how well your child follows class and school rules. It will also provide feedback on class work and homework performance. We use the stoplight system. Each child starts on the superstar green light and if they do not follow the class rules, they receive a warning and get

their card changed to good day green. If the behavior continues they move to the orange light, where they need to reflect on their actions, then to blue, and finally to red if it still persists. They will reflect on their actions at the blue light in a time out, and a note or phone call home at the red light. At the end of the day, if a student stays on superstar green, they will be sent home with a stamp on their hand. Please be sure to sign the weekly behavior reports weekly. Thanks!

Uniforms: The students will be required to wear their school uniform everyday, except on their assigned P.E. day. On P.E. day, (TBA), they should come to school in their gym clothes and gym shoes. Please check the school manual and strictly follow this code. Suspension occurs on the third offense.

Birthdays: We will do our best to make kids birthdays their snack days. Sugary treats are fine on these special days: cupcakes, donuts, or brownies. **Please do not bring in party favors, toys, or balloons.**

Volunteers: If you are interested in being a room parent or helping out during class parties, going on field trips or working with the children in the classroom, please feel free to do so! **We absolutely love parent volunteers!!** For security reasons, you will have to check in at the office upon each visit.

We will continue to keep you informed about class/school activities through weekly newsletters and calendars. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Miss Perez or Mrs. Freer, Kindergarten Teachers, at the school. Our email addresses will be given to you soon! We are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Staff