

# ♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Welcome to Flora Singer Elementary School. Kindergarten is going to be full of fun and learning! We are so excited to begin the new 2019-2020 school year with all of you! We are looking forward to seeing you and your child at the Flora Singer Elementary Open House on **Friday, August 30th**. In this letter you will find important information about both Open House and what Kindergarten will be like during the first week of school. Please wait to send school supplies and donations until the 2nd week of school.

This year we will be implementing a procedure that will begin the first week of school, which is September 3rd–September 6th. Your child will be assigned to a temporary homeroom class for this week. Students will be identified in a group with an animal (purple cat, yellow duck, green frog, etc.). Your child will meet his/her group and temporary homeroom teacher every morning in the gym and be dismissed by this teacher each afternoon. During the first week of school, your child's temporary homeroom teacher will also serve as your primary contact for any questions that you may have. During the first week, your child will participate in different rotations to meet each Kindergarten teacher.

This procedure is an evaluative process that allows teachers to get to know all Kindergarten students and ensure they are placed in a classroom with peers and a teacher that will best meet each child's individual academic, behavioral, and social/emotional needs. All kindergarten students will participate in the same activities each day and throughout the week regardless of the teacher they are with. By the end of the week, all students will have had the opportunity to meet each teacher and spend time together.

When you arrive at Flora Singer at Open House, you will check in at the Kindergarten table in the Kindergarten hallway and get a folder that has a Kindercard, a Scavenger Hunt, and some forms to fill out that need to be returned to school on the first day. You will also find out at Open House which group your child will be in for the first week of school.

## Open House Checklist

Get your child's folder, which has a Scavenger Hunt, Kindercard and forms.

Find out what animal group your child will be in during the first week.

Meet ALL of the Kindergarten teachers by completing the Scavenger Hunt.

Let us know how your child will get home from school.

Take a look around the rest of the school and meet other students and staff members.

Below you will find a schedule for the first week of school. This gives you an example of a typical routine for the first week. This will help you visualize your child's day. Please use this schedule to get your child excited about each day and remind them they will meet different teachers each day!

### **Kindergarten 1<sup>st</sup> Week of School Schedule**

9:00-9:20	All Kindergarten students line up by group in the Gym
9:20-10:10	Students go to their temporary homeroom class for morning meeting, breakfast, unpacking and introductions
10:10-10:15	Students switch classes and meet a new teacher!
10:15-11:15	Reading classroom activities
11:15-11:30	Snack
11:35-12:15	Students will go to specials (P.E., Art, Music, Library)
12:15-12:25	Students will meet a new teacher.
12:25-1:25	Writing and Math classroom activities
1:35-2:45	Lunch and Recess
2:45-2:25	Learning Stations and Group Play in Homeroom Classes
3:00-3:30	Pack Up
<b>3:45</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>

**On Friday, September 6th**, you will receive a letter indicating who your child's permanent classroom teacher will be for the remainder of the year. This letter will come home in your child's Flora Singer folder at the end of the day. **On Monday, September 9th**, your child will report to the Gym where they should line up with their new Kindergarten teacher. The teachers will be in the Gym to help with this process.

We are so excited to be able to use the first week of school to get to know each of our incoming students. We are confident that this will allow us to create classes that maximize each student's success in Kindergarten. We look forward to seeing everyone in August!

Sincerely,

The Flora Singer Elementary Kindergarten Team