

Kindergarten

First Day Information for Families



First day of school: Wednesday, August 11th, 2021.

School hours: 8:35am to 2:55pm. The first bell rings at 8:35am. Announcements begin at 8:40am and the tardy bell rings at 8:45am. Beginning with the first day of school, please help your child to be on time and ready for an exciting school day. Classroom doors will be open to welcome your child at 8:15am. Please remember to allow extra time the first week for the "first day crowds."

Drop-Off & Pick-Up: You may drop off and pick up your child at the car circle (north lot), or at the Walker's Gate. We encourage you to drop off and pick up your child at our car circle. Either way, we have ample supervision. For the first few weeks of school we will have extra personnel assisting students. Whether you walk up to get your child or you use our car circle, please hold or display a large piece of paper which states your child's name, the teacher's name, and their grade – Kindergarten. Displaying your child's name, teacher, and grade allows for staff to find your child more easily and dismissal will run smoother and more quickly.

First Day of School "To Do" List:

- Your child needs to wear appropriate clothes – sneakers, socks, and a comfortable school uniform which enables your child to handle bathroom needs independently (Can they buckle, snap, use belt, etc. independently?).
- Your child will need a complete change of clothing (including a uniform, socks, and underwear) in a Ziploc bag. Please label the clothing and the bag with your child's name.
- Your child will need a zippered backpack, large enough for a large library book, and folder/binder to fit into.
- A reusable water bottle or a plastic bottle of water.
- Your child will need to know his/her dismissal plans AND lunch plans.

First Day Anxieties:

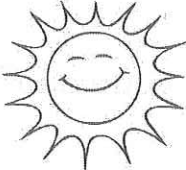

We understand that you are as anxious as your child about starting kindergarten. However, it is important that you give your child a kiss, a hug, and a confident smile as they enter the school. Let the car or the gate be the parting point. Allow your child to go in with their teacher so they can begin the school day and begin to establish the teacher/student relationship. We promise that we will contact you during the day if there is a problem.

**We are looking forward to a FABULOUS year in
Kindergarten! ☺**

June Homework

Name _____


Here are some learning activities to help your child "build up" their knowledge to be ready when school starts. Each day, choose one activity to do with your child to support the transition to Kindergarten. Color the box when completed.

Can you name all the letters in your name? In someone else's name?	Find some triangles in your neighborhood or home. Count how many you see.	Name 4 animals that you might find when you visit a farm. Draw one.	Which number is more, 12 or 5? Which number is less, 6 or 14?
Bat and cat rhyme. Can you name some other words that rhyme with bat?		If you were going to the North Pole, how would you get there? What would you pack?	Name these letters: N Q E X
The wood we use is from trees. Do you have wood in your home? Where?	Which animal is faster, a lizard or a snail? How do they travel?	Birds use wings to fly. Name four other creatures that can fly.	Sara had two apples, her mom gave her three more, how many does she have?
Name something that is big. Name something that is small.	Name these letters: R Z O G	A carrot is a vegetable. Can you name some other vegetables?	Can a walrus be a pet? Can you name some animals that are pets?
Name these letters: Y P V C	Can you read all the numbers and letters on a car license plate? Can you write them?	Watch the sun today. Where is it in morning, afternoon, evening? Is the moon the same?	Name a friend you like to play with. Draw the two of you playing together.
Can you name some words that have the same beginning sound as toy?	Using your body, make a pattern. Clap, stomp, clap, stomp, clap, stomp. Try to make some other sound patterns.	Can you count out seven toys? Now, can you write the number seven?	Name these letters: L S W A
Can you count from 0-15? Can you count backwards from 15-0?	What number comes after six? What number comes after eleven?		Name 5 creatures that live in the ocean. Can you draw one of them?
Raccoons are nocturnal (active at night). Name another nocturnal animal. Draw it.	Count the number of spoons in your house, now count forks-which is more?	Take a look at a map. Locate the blue part of the map, this is water. What else can you find on a map?	Summer is a warm season. Name an activity you like to do in Summer.

July Homework

Name _____

Here are some learning activities to help your child "build up" their knowledge to be ready when school starts. Each day, choose one activity to do with your child to support the transition to Kindergarten. Color the box when completed.

Up is the opposite of down. What is the opposite of light? What is the opposite of little?	Joe had 10 turtles, he gave 4 to the zoo. How many does he have now?	A ball is a sphere. Can you name some other objects that are spheres?	Pretend you are going to the beach. Draw 4 things you will take with you.
Can you draw a square? Now, find or name 3 objects that are shaped like squares.	Make a group of 4 spoons. Now make a group of forks with the same amount.	Name these numbers: 4 8 14 12	Name these numbers: 15 9 0 6
Clean up your toys, sort them-toys made of plastic, toys not made of plastic.		Name these numbers: 3 10 7 1	What is heavier, a shoe or a microwave? Which is lighter, a cat or a mouse?
Draw a circle. Find 4 circles in your home or neighborhood.	Can you balance? Pick up one foot and count to ten. Now try the other foot.	If you could have anything for breakfast, what would it be? Draw it.	When it is raining, what do you like to play inside. Draw a picture of it.
Listen to this word-box, what sound does it start with? What letter makes that sound? Write the letter.	What is the name for a baby cow? What is the name for a baby pig?	How high can you count? Start at zero and see how high you can go.	Can you name 3 other words that begin with the same sound as fish?
Think about your favorite book. Can you retell most of the story by yourself on your own, or using the book?	Name these letters: H B T M	Name these letters: J D F	Chickens lay eggs. Can you name some other egg-laying animals?
Pig rhymes with dig. Can you name two other words that rhyme with dig?	What is your favorite dinner? Can you explain how to cook it?	Name your favorite color. Now, tell 3 things that are the same color.	One day, Jack saw 5 kites. Then he saw 3 more. How many kites did he see?
Strawberries are a red fruit. Name two other fruits and their colors.	If you had 10 minutes to melt a block of ice, how would you do it?	Name these numbers: 11 5 2 13	Nine cats were in the garden, four ran away. How many cats are left?

August Homework

Name _____

Here are some learning activities to help your child "build up" their knowledge to be ready when school starts. Each day, choose one activity to do with your child to support the transition to Kindergarten. Color the box when completed.

Can you skip? Try to skip from one end of the room to the other.	Draw a picture of 4 foods you might find in a refrigerator.	Look around your home. Name everything that uses electricity to work.	What number comes after fourteen? What number comes before five?
Can you tell when your birthday is? How old will you be then?	Do you live in the city or the country? How do you know?	Name these letters: I K U	Draw a story about a time when you fell down and got hurt.
Recite the nursery rhymes: Humpty Dumpty, Jack and Jill, Itsy Bitsy Spider	How would you rather travel, car, airplane or train? Tell why.		Can you name some tools or vehicles that builders use? How do they work?
Dogs walk on four feet. Name some other animals who walk on four feet.	Look outside. What is the weather today? Is it rainy, cloudy, sunny, foggy?	What do you want to learn about the most when you go to Kindergarten?	Draw a picture of a wild animal that you know about.
Can you do: 5 toe touches 5 jumping jacks 5 big steps	Can you say your name when someone asks? Can you say your full name-first and last?	Read the alphabet chart below by pointing to one letter at a time while you say your abc's.	Pack your backpack and pick out your clothes so you are ready for the morning!

Aa	Bb	Cc	Dd	Ee	Ff	Gg	Hh	Ii
Jj	Kk	Ll	Mm	Nn	Oo	Pp	Qq	Rr
Ss	Tt	Uu	Vv	Ww	Xx	Yy	Zz	

Mildred Helms Elementary

IB World School

Modified Uniform Dress Code

All students must adhere to the requirements of the modified uniform policy which remains in effect for the 2020-21 school year as follows:



Shirts: solid-colored, collared polo-style shirt in light blue, navy blue and red only. Shirts should be free from design or logos greater than a quarter. Mildred Helms school spirit shirts may be worn on Fridays.



Bottoms: khaki or navy colored **uniform** bottoms. This includes shorts, pants, capris, skorts, skirts, jumpers (shorts or leggings of the same solid color may be worn underneath skirts/jumpers). Shorts should follow Pinellas County dress code of mid -thigh length or longer. NO Gym shorts, leggings, jeggings, yoga pants or jeans.

Gym shorts, leggings, jeggings, yoga pants or jeans are **not** permitted. Uniforms can be found throughout Pinellas County at Walmart, Target, JCPenneys, Old Navy, Kohls and many other local stores.

Kindergarten Suggested Supply List

Please label all supplies with your child's name, including clothing.

Zippered backpack

(large enough to carry a large library book,
no rolling backpacks, please)

Regular size bath towel for rest

(no beach towels, plastic mats, pillows)

Complete change of uniform clothing in a gallon size baggie

1 set of headphones

1 Plastic snap lid pencil box with jumbo pencils

One 1" binder with clear front pouch

4 wide ruled composition notebooks

4 glue sticks

1 pack Crayola crayons
(Jumbo Crayons preferred)



Class Wish List

Variety of baggies

Boxes of tissue

Thick & thin markers

Hand sanitizer & soap

Dry erase markers

Paper towels