**Tips for a Happy Kindergarten Child**

Absences: If your child must be absent from school, it is **MANDATORY** that a written excuse be sent upon his/her return. If you know in advance that your child will be absent please notify the school or teacher.

Arrival: **All children should be in the classroom by 7:25 a.m.** School begins at 7:35 am. Learning takes place immediately so please drop your child off promptly. Being tardy 3 times is considered an unexcused absence. **We request that you leave your child outside the room and allow them to enter ALONE**. This minimizes disruptions, promotes independence and provides a safe learning environment.

Birthdays: Birthdays are a very special time, however due to school board policy, please **DO NOT** send in any non-nutritional treats.

Clothing: Please send your child to school in clothing that is fitting to our active schedule. Make sure the outfits you choose do not require assistance in the rest room. DO NOT send your child to school with flip-flops or open toed shoes. We have PE and/or outside play daily. It is an EXPECTATION that students be able to tie their own shoes.

Communication: **Agenda books** will be distributed to each child at the beginning of the year. They will provide daily communication between home and school. After reading, **please initial or sign** agenda so we know that the information has been reviewed. Each Wednesday your child will bring home a **communication folder**. Inside you will find papers from the teacher and the office. Please return the folder on Thursday morning.

Dismissal: If your child will be going home in a way that is different from his/her usual way, you **MUST** send a note to school. This is for your child’s protection and safety. **If we do not receive WRITTEN notification your child will go home in the usual manner.**

Medicine: If it is necessary for your child to take medication at school, you must contact the office for instructions and procedures to follow. Cough drops are considered medicine. Please leave Chapstick and all other health/beauty aids at home.

Money: When sending money to school for any reason, PLEASE put it in an envelope with the amount, your child’s name and teacher’s name on the front. Be specific as to the purpose, such as “lunch money”.

Moving: If you have a change of address, phone number or place of employment during the year, please send a note so we will always have current information in case of an emergency.

Report cards: Kindergarten progress reports are given four times a year. Conferences will be held as needed.

Rest: We have rest time daily. Please send in a bath size towel for your child to sleep on because we rest on the floor. Mats, stuffed animals and pillows are not accepted.

Supplies: We provide basic classroom supplies including: pencils, crayons, scissors and glue. Each teacher will send home a class list with other items that you can donate instead of the generic county supply list. Please do not label each item with your child’s name because supplies are used by the whole class.

Toys: Please leave all toys at home. Toys from home do not promote highest student achievement. This includes stuffed animals, purses, key chains and jewelry.

First Day Checklist

\_\_Backpack (no wheeled ones) with your child’s name

\_\_Towel (no mats please) with your child’s name on it

\_\_Lunch:

1. Lunch box with name, drink or money to buy milk

or 2. A school lunch can be bought or money can be added to your account. See the website for more information.

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Hi! I am a Cross Bayou Kdg. Student

Child’s name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency/cell phone #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Today I will be going home by\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

My regular way of going home will be\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

If I ride a bus the color code is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and the route number is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I will get off at the bus stop located at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.