

## Communication

### *Red Folders*

- Will be handed out at Supply Drop Off Night/Meet the Teacher (August 15th @ 6-8pm)
- Folders are sent home and returned daily. Please check and empty folders daily.
- Teachers check folders every morning. The best ways to get information to your child's teacher is a note in his/her red folder. Please put your child's first and last name and the date on each note.
- If sending money, please label with teacher, child's first and last name, & purpose, and put in an envelope.

### *Email*

- Email addresses can be found on the staff tab on Central's website.
- Teachers try to check email before and after school.

### Absence Reporting

To report student absences or late arrivals, please call 444-3580 ext. 8 and leave a message by 8:30 AM.

## School Dismissal

- Dismissal on August 16 is at 11:30.
- Regular dismissal is at 3:15.
- Walkers are dismissed first. Students will report to the gym and sit in their assigned line.
- Parents will join the car line along the Ring Road. **Please have a sign with your child's first and last name and teacher's name in the front passenger side of your car.** This will help make our pick up process run smoothly and quickly. Staff members directing traffic will radio inside for students. **Students must enter cars on the curbside only.** To ensure a timely dismissal for all students, please remain in your vehicle.

– OR –

- Park in the lot at either school. Parents are asked to form a line by the back blue gym door #8. At 3:15, the doors will open for parents to walk in to the gym and collect your child. Exit with your child through the other end of the gym.
- *Staff will escort bus riders out to the buses at 3:30.*
- *If there are any changes to your child's normal dismissal, please send a note with child's first and last name, date and teacher's name.*

# Guide to The First Day of Kindergarten

2018-2019



## Transitioning to Kindergarten

The first day of Kindergarten is an exciting first step in your child's educational experience. Here are a few tips to help provide a positive transition into Kindergarten.

- Recognize and manage your own emotions. Show your child how excited you are for his/her new adventure.
- Ease your child into the school bedtime routine. Getting to bed earlier and eating a good breakfast is important.
- Begin the year with his/her normal drop-off and pick-up routines. If he/she is a bus rider, encourage him/her to do that on the first day. Establishing daily routines are essential to helping your child feel confident.
- Research has shown that a child's adjustment to school has a significant impact on his/her later academic achievement.

## Skills for Students

There are a few skills that will set your child up for success.

- Opening backpacks independently
- Opening items in his/her lunchbox
- Using the restroom independently (zipping/buttoning pants)
- Practice changing shoes (for PE). We encourage Velcro unless your child can tie independently.

## Bus Tags

Your child will be given a numbered bus tag (for PM bus only) at Meet the Teacher on August 16th.

- Your child needs to know what number bus he/she rides.
- Attach tag on the outside of his/her backpack.

## Overview of the First Day of School

- Students arrive according to his/her normal transportation.
- Bus riders are dropped off at the end of the K-1 hallway and will walk to their classrooms. Adults will be present to assist as needed. Walkers are dropped off at the main entrance and walk into the gym. Staff will be available to supervise students to the gym.
- Kindergarten students will all sit in one line near the bleachers.
- Bell rings at 8:15 and grades 1-3 are dismissed.
- Teachers will meet students in the gym by 8:15. Teachers will gather their own students. Teachers and other staff members will then escort them to their classroom to BEGIN KINDERGARTEN!