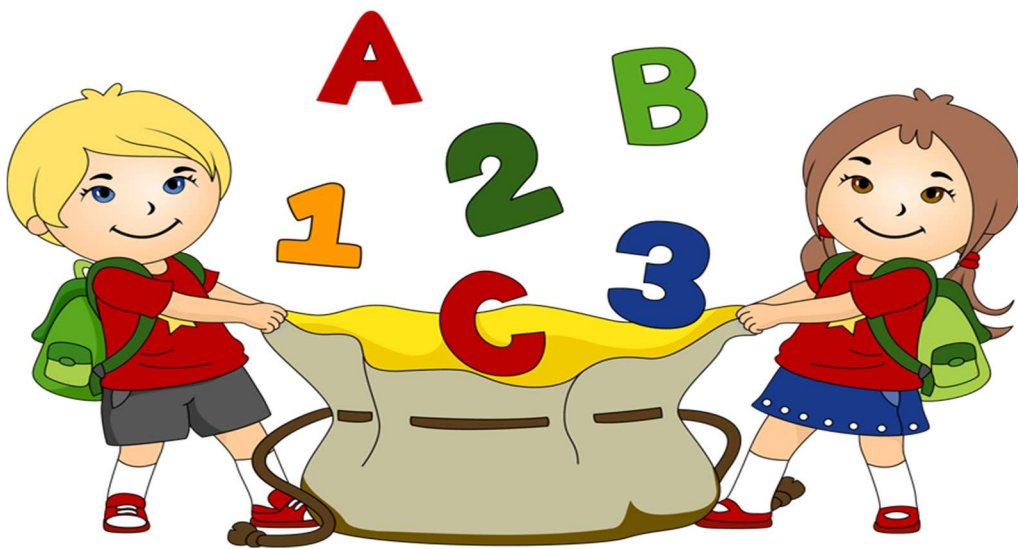


# ABC's of Pre-K

## Parent Information Packet Brightwood Elementary School 2018-2019



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A...

- **Allergies** – Please make sure your child's teacher is aware of any allergies he/she has. Fill out the dietary paperwork for the cafeteria as well. Also bring in any medications needed in the event that your child is exposed.
- **Attendance** – It is important that your child have very limited absences. We do a lot of hands on activities that are difficult to make up. If your child has to be absent, please send a note of explanation the day upon return.

B...

- **Birthdays** – We are happy to celebrate your child's birthday at school during our lunch time. Any treats that are brought in **MUST** be store bought.
- **Breakfast** – Students will be eating breakfast in the classroom. Students should arrive to school on time so they can eat before our day begins.

C...

- **Conferences** – We will have two face to face conferences one in the fall and one in the winter. Teachers are willing to meet with you about your child anytime, but please remember that we are not able to meet during the instructional day. This includes arrival time and lunch time.
- **Celebrations** – At the end of every Creative Curriculum study we have a celebration where we welcome our families to the classroom to join us in celebrating what we have learned!

D...

- **Dismissal** – Please make sure you write down everyone that may pick up your child on the car rider transportation information sheet, also please **send a note** if there is any change in your child's transportation home from school. If there is no note and/or the person is not on the car rider transportation information sheet your child will not be able to go home with that person. This is school policy and it is for the safety of the students. **Please SEND A NOTE when there is a change in transportation! NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **Dress code** – Please read the handbook provided by the school for more dress code information. Here are some things to remember.

Students are not allowed to wear:

\*flip flops

\*spaghetti strap tops/dresses

\*shirts that show belly

\*short shorts/short skirts

\*jackets in class

\*hats inside

\*\*a good rule of thumb is to stand with your legs together and place your arms straight down by your sides. If your shorts are shorter than your fingertips, then they are too short to wear to school.

\*\*it's also a good idea to wear shorts under skirts; the children will do a lot of moving around and will be up and down off the floor each day.

\*\*you may want to bring a sweater or a sweatshirt to wear in class; it does get cold in our classrooms at times.

## E...

- **Emergency contacts** – Make sure to fill out the emergency contact paper. These numbers are extremely important in the event that we are unable to get a hold of you. Please make sure to update numbers if they change.

## F...

- **Field trips** – We are excited to announce our first year of going on field trips. We will attend a minimum of one field trip this year!

## G...

- **Guidance** – Our guidance counselor will come into our classrooms each month to work with the children on a variety of character traits.
- **Giving Tree**- In Pre-K we are not allowed to ask the parents for items but if you would like to give items needed in the classroom you can take an apple off the giving tree and donate that item to class.

## H...

- **Homework** – We do not have homework in Pre-K but we have home games! The teachers will be sending home games for students to play at home. Please keep these games at home and practice nightly.

### **Tips for helping your child with home games:**

\*establish a time every day just to play games.

\*provide a quiet, well-lit place where there will be little interruption.

\*offer guidance to your child, if they struggle, but please do not complete the home games for them.

## I...

- **Items from home** – Please do not allow your child to bring in toys or other items from home in their backpacks. They can be a distraction in the classroom or may get lost while at school.

## J...

- **Jobs** – Students will have jobs in the classroom like line leader, door holder, plant helper, etc. These jobs will help create some independence and responsibility within the classroom.

## K...

- **Kindergarten is not what it used to be!** – A lot has changed over the years. They will be covering a lot of academic material next year but all of our students will be prepared for Kindergarten by the end of the year!

## L...

- **Lunch** – Please feel free to come and eat lunch with your child after the first couple of weeks of school. Make sure you check in at the office. See your child's teacher for their lunch time.

## M...

- **Medications** – If your child will need medication at school of any kind, you will need to have a doctor fill out an authorization form and return it to the office. This includes medicine for asthma, Epi-pens for allergies, chap sticks, cough drops, etc. Forms are available in the front office.

## N...

- **News** – Teachers will send family connection and monthly Pre-K calendar home to keep you informed of what's going on in the classroom and the school. ConnectEd messages are also sent out by the school weekly and contain information for the upcoming week. Please make sure the office has your correct phone number so you can receive ConnectEd messages.

## O...

- **Outside** – We will generally go outside for recess every day if the weather permits, so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. No students will stay inside during recess time.

## P...

- **Pocket folder** – Your child will be bringing his/her pocket folder home daily. Their behavior that day will be recorded in their folder. You may also write notes to your child's teacher and place it in the folder. It is a great way for parents and teachers to communicate. ***Please check your child's folder daily and return to school the following day.***
- **PTA** – Support Brightwood, get involved and join the PTA!!!

## Q...

- **Questions** – Please ask your child's teacher any questions you may have throughout the year. We are in this together and want to make sure you know what's going on with your child's education.

## R...

- **Rules** – Each classroom has a behavior management plan and a set of rules for their room. Your child's teacher will give you more information on their specific behavior management plan, rules, rewards and consequences.

## S...

- **Study** – In Pre-K we use The Creative Curriculum, fifth edition. Our curriculum is broken down into 6 studies; Beginning the year study, trees study, clothing study, building study, reduce, reuse, recycle study, and the balls study. We also have the option of a Pet study.
- **Snack** – We will be having an afternoon snack.

## T...

- **Tardies** – Have your child at school on time every day! We open our doors at 7:20am and close them at 7:45am. Students who arrive after 7:45am will be considered tardy. If you are tardy you must sign-in at the front office and walk your child down to the room.

## U...

- **Unity** – As teachers and parents we are in this together. We both are invested in your child's education. Let's keep open communication and work together throughout the year!

## V...

- **Volunteer** – There are various ways you can volunteer at school and/or in the classroom. Please talk with your child's teacher to see what works best for her. Here are some ideas... come in and read to the class, come in and help with groups, help organize work/activities for the class, help in other areas of the building. All volunteers must go through an approval process before they are allowed to volunteer at school.

## W...

- **Work with your child at home** – While the children will learn many things throughout the day, it is important to also work with them at home. Go through their home games with them, read to them, and ask them questions about the studies. Ask your child's teacher for things your child needs to work on or suggestions of things you can do to help them at home.

## X...

- **eXtra clothes** – Send an extra set of clothing (please put clothes inside the big Ziploc bag that was given at open house) for your child to keep at school. Accidents do happen and it's always best to be prepared!

Y...

- **let's have a great Year!** – There is lots of learning and fun that happens in Pre-K! Let's make it a great year!

Z...

- **ZZZZZZZ's** – Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep each night. School days can be long for some of the children. We do take a one-hour nap in Pre-K, please bring a small blanket or towel for your child to sleep with!