**Welcome to Kindergarten Helpful Information for Parents—*PLEASE SAVE***

1. Please make sure I know, in writing, your child’s daily transportation arrangements. Remember, the less changes, the better. All transportation must be worked out with the school bus garage office.
2. Most important information will be passed on to you in the Parent/Home Communication Folder. Please take the time to read over information sent to you (including your child’s work and homework) and then have your child return the empty folder on Tuesdays. My weekly newsletter will inform you of what we are working on in class and what I would like you to address at home also.
3. I am asking that each student **bring 1 or 2 boxes of Kleenex** to share with our class. You would be surprised by how much Kleenex we go through.

Please also provide a plastic pencil box for your child to keep their school tools in.

1. Each child needs to bring in a change of clothes to keep at school in their cubby in case of any spills or accidents. Please put clothes in a zip lock bag and label with their name. This is provided in your packet.
2. We will have a quiet/rest time every day. Please do not send in any blankets. We do not have room for big blankets and pillows or “lovies.” Thank you.
3. If you have not already purchased a **backpack** for your child, please consider these guidelines: If possible, a clear backpack is very beneficial. It allows for you to see if your student is bringing something home and also you can see if there is something in the bag that shouldn’t be in there when leaving home! The less zippers and compartments, the better. It’s too hard to find something if you don’t know what part it is in and you have to unzip five different places to find it! Please make sure that it is big enough for your child’s School Folder and library books and maybe shoes. A lot of backpacks are cute but are big enough to hold much of anything! Also, kindergartners do not need a backpack on wheels—they will not fit in their cubby either.
4. A list of requested school supplies is attached. Please make sure your child has supplies at school and at home for working on homework with you.
5. I will sometimes send homework in the folder on Monday for the week. It can be done one page at a time throughout the week. By helping your child complete homework assignments each week, you are showing your child the importance of studying and school work. You are also showing your child that you care about what they are doing in class and want to help them improve their skills. Homework also helps you keep in touch with what we are doing in school and helps keep you involved in your child’s education. Remember—Successful students learn early that school is their job! Your child does not need to return the homework to school, but it is necessary to do it every week. And don’t forget to spend at least 10 minutes a night reading to your child.
6. Please read carefully the information about our school breakfast/lunch program and fill out all forms even if you know you don’t qualify, but please do not duplicate them. Our school funding is based on the return of these forms. If you do qualify, it is important that the school receives your paperwork as soon as possible so it can be processed or you will continue to be charged. Please let me know if your child should not be eating school breakfast. A lot of children just walk into the cafeteria and get a breakfast and then parents are surprised when they receive a bill! We don’t know whether they are supposed to be getting breakfast or not! Thanks. Please avoid sending cash to school with younger students. I encourage you to pay directly in the school office for your own protection.
7. You will receive a lot of forms at be filled out when school begins, but they are all necessary for the safety of your child. Please return them by the first day of school and make sure you have given us **working telephone numbers for yourself and emergency contacts. If numbers change, you MUST send in updates!**
8. Please make sure that your child wears gym shoes on the days that we have physical education. A lot of shoes are “cute” but are not safe for the gym or the playground.
9. No toys are to be brought to school at any time. This is also the rule for the bus. If you want something to occupy your child while on the bus, then I suggest books or paper to write or draw on. We cannot be responsible if something is brought to school and then somehow “disappears”. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.
10. You may celebrate your child’s birthday with a simple birthday treat. Please just let me know. Remember, keep it simple and not messy. We will usually have birthday treats in the afternoon close to the end of the day.
11. This year we are asking for you to **take turns providing snack for the whole class on a rotation basis.** You will be responsible for sending in snack for the entire class on your assigned day. You may send in your snack at the beginning of the week if that is more convenient. Please be conscientious about your turn, as we don’t want to be without snack on your assigned day because you forgot! We will be having snack daily around 1:45pm. I would encourage you to provide a nutritious snack such as granola bars, fruit snacks, cheezits, pretzels, fruit, cheese, etc. on your assigned day. Be creative!

Remember you can always contact the school office at 445-0517 if you have any questions. The school secretaries are very helpful and can usually get you the answers that you need. The best way to reach me is through our school email. I try to check my email daily and you can contact me at dwarren@cassopolis.org . PLEASE call if it is a time sensitive issue. I am available from 7-7:30 am and 3:20-4:00 pm.

Thank you for helping to make this a very successful year.

Mrs. Donna Warren

 We are on the web at: [www.cassopolis.k12.mi.us](http://www.cassopolis.k12.mi.us)

 Or dwarren.weebly.com

Please keep this handy to refer back to throughout the year. Thanks!

Here are the names of school personnel that you might find helpful if you have questions:

Mrs. Voss—principal

Mrs. Stermer—assistant principal

Mrs. Jones—school social worker

Mrs. Bowers—secretary

Mrs. Blaske—secretary

Mrs. Works—health room assistant

Mrs. Carpenter—lunch accounts

Mrs. Gendron—speech and language pathologist

Mrs. Burks—computer teacher

Mr. Burns—physical education teacher

Mrs. Porath—art teacher

Mrs. Heath—library assistant

Mrs. Dahlgren—PTO president

Mr. John Bright—Bus Garage