



Dear Kindergarten Parents:

Welcome to kindergarten at American International School- Dubai (AIS).

I really hope your child is excited about beginning the school year...all of the anxieties about the “newness” will soon disappear and we will have a great time as we start learning our routines and making friendships to last throughout the year. I am sure you have many questions about your child’s kindergarten year, so I hope this newsletter will answer some of them. If you have any queries not answered, please feel free to call: 04-6028090

What to Bring to School:

Your child will need to bring a bag or backpack to school every day. Please check the contents of this backpack daily! I will give each child a diary for communication from us to you and vice versa. This diary needs to be sent back to school every day.

The school purchases our school supplies, but if you would like to donate anything to the classroom, we would be delighted; we will put it to good use. You will not have to send in paper, pencils, or folders to school because these items are supplied. It would be excellent if each family could purchase a box of Kleenex and a bottle of hand sanitizer. Thank You in advance!

Please label your child’s name (first and last) on backpacks, jackets, lunch bags, water bottles, etc..

Kindly send with your child a set of spare clothes to be used in emergencies.

Birthdays

Birthdays in kindergarten are FUN! Some children like to celebrate their special day with their friends. If you would like to send in a treat, please inform me in advance.

Cupcakes, cakes, juices are always popular. just let me know when!

We are requesting that **NO soda, chocolates, chips, fast-food, etc. be brought into the classroom!!!**

What’s New in KG?

KG2 has changed greatly in the past years. It is no longer the kindergarten that you or I remember. Common Core Standards for a child leaving kindergarten are high...reading at least 18 words, writing sentences, counting beyond 100, skip counting, etc. It is a very exciting curriculum. We work on social skills, rules and singing songs. I know you will be fascinated when he/she learns ABC’s, 123’s,



learning the sounds letters make, and adding and subtracting. Don't worry...I will be discussing all of these things with you many times throughout the school year. Again, please call, or send in the diary if you have questions, comments, or concerns.

Helping Your Child Feel Independent

Coming to kindergarten is an important milestone in your child's life. We will encounter many new experiences. When you bring your child to kindergarten or if you pick up at the end of the day, I am requesting that you say your good-byes outside of the classroom door. One of our goals is to help your child become a responsible and independent learner. Each child needs to be able to hang up his/her jacket and backpack by him/her self as well as take care of other classroom duties. PLEASE do not worry if your child needs help...we will be there. I am sure you will agree that hearing your child say, "I can do it all by myself!" is a good feeling! Thank you very much for helping your child to grow in this matter. On the first day of school, you are welcome to come in to the classroom with your child to share the first experience. Although it may be an emotional time for some of you, to make the transition more smoothly for your child, it is important that you say your good-byes in a timely manner as your child will begin to grow wings and explore on their own as we begin our day first day of kindergarten.

Safety

For your child's safety and well being, please let the school know of any change in his/her schedule to go home. **Parents or the person who is eligible to collect the child from school must have an ID badge to eliminate any confusion and to keep every child safe.**

Lunch Break

Your child will have two breaks (from 8:50 till 9:45 and from 11:25 till 12:20). These two breaks are divided into eating time and playing or relaxing time).

A Little about the Teacher

Teaching kindergarten is a wonderful job...there is probably no career better than this one! I love seeing children grow the way kindergartners do. At the beginning of the year, they are just babies, but by the end, they are "big kids."



Communication between home and school

I am anxious for our “team approach” concerning your child’s education. We all have the same goal – for your child to be happy, challenged, comfortable, and secure at school. We need to work together in order for your child to reach maximum success. I am asking that you please review things we have learned at school on a daily basis. There is no need to spend hours at night drilling skills. Have fun... **read books daily**, play word games, review letters/sounds, numbers, etc. I will be sending home some ideas for you throughout the year. We will have homework on Thursday. You will need to help your child, but encourage your child to do the majority of the work. Writing notes or calling are great ways to share information with me. Please call anytime if you are unsure about something.

Together we will make your child’s kindergarten year the best ever!

All parents are invited to have the first coffee morning in the KG gym on the 28th of September 2017 at 8:00am till 9:00am.

Sincerely,
KG Department