

Spencer Trail ABCs of the Kindergarten Classroom

2020 - 2021

Welcome to Spencer Trail Kindergarten!

We are thrilled to be on this learning journey with you and your child. Within this document you can source answers to common questions you may have about how our school and classrooms operate, general FAQs, and what to expect this year. When you have a question, this is your first stop in finding the answer. Welcome again and we are looking forward to a great year!

Allergies

Please inform me (and the nurse) of your child's allergies.

AIMS Web

Students are tested using AIMS Web measures in the fall, winter, and spring. These are quick tests focused on developmental early literacy skills. A report depicting your child's results will be communicated with you following testing.

Art/Music

Students will have Art two times a month and Music two times a month (taught by the same teacher, Mrs. Archey).

Attendance

Attendance will be taken each day in our virtual classroom. This information will be recorded on your child's report card. If your child will not be at school (including virtual

learning), please call the 24-hour absentee hotline at 815-462-7007 before the school day begins.

Behavior

At the start of the year, your child will learn behavior expectations for virtual learning, the elements of Whole Body Listening, and CHAMPS. Please review the Virtual Classroom Rules handout sent home in the supply bag you received during iPad pickup. Students will learn what his/her body should look and sound like during different activities.

Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are held once a year in November. Attendance is necessary to receive your child's report card. Scheduling information will be communicated closer to that time. It is the only conference that is required; however, if at any time throughout the school year you have any concerns or questions, please contact me.

Contact Information

Currently, the most efficient means of communication is via email aenglert@nlsd122.org. You may also contact me by calling Spencer Trail School at 815-462-7007.

Communication

Once we dive into the curriculum, a weekly school newsletter will be sent to let you know what we are working on in class and it will list important upcoming dates. Additionally, a Spencer Trail Weekly and Monthly Newsletter will be posted on the Spencer Trail website under the 'News' section. Please reference these documents first before emailing/calling as many answers will be found here. I appreciate it!

Kindergarten Hours

The AM Session attends virtually from: 8:25-10:55

The PM Session attends virtually from: 12:20-2:50

PE

Students will participate in PE one time each week. Our PE teacher's name is Mr. "L" (Lundborg).

Report Cards

Report Cards will be issued three times a year. Please see the school calendar for the report card schedule.

Responsibility

Please allow your child to begin developing his/her self-help skills by letting them: pack/unpack their own supplies, zip their own coat, tie their own shoes, plug in iPad for charging, organize their work space at home, etc. Teach your child these skills in small bites and gradually release responsibility to them. This helps establish a sense of routine and responsibility that the student will need throughout his/her school career.

Whole Body Listening

I listen with my eyes, ears, mouth, hands, feet, brain, heart; I listen with my whole body! Students will learn these characteristics at the start of the school year and will continue these school-wide expectations during all kindergarten activities.