



Hi Kindergarten Friend,

My name is Mrs. Voelker and I am so excited to be your kindergarten teacher this year at Franconia Elementary School !!! We are going to have a FROGTASTIC year together !!!

I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I live in Harleysville with my husband . I have a son named Ryan and a daughter Kelsey. I also have 2 dogs Lexi and Baxter ! Some things I like are the color pink, pizza, peanut m&m's, puppies , the beach and penguins ! Of course, I also like frogs... you will see why when you come to visit me in our classroom.

Some things you can look forward to this year in kindergarten are ; reading many great stories, counting, singing songs, playing games, painting ,building, learning about apples, spiders, pumpkins, penguins, goldfish, and of course frogs. You will make many new friends this year in kindergarten too !

I can't wait to meet you on August 28th at our Kindergarten Orientation !

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer, start getting to bed early and I can't wait to see what kind of backpack you will bring to show me !!!

See you soon, Mrs. Voelker



# IMPORTANT K-1 PARENT INFORMATION



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten !!! I am so proud and excited to be your child's kindergarten teacher this year !! Below you will find some important information about our classroom.

**BACKPACKS** ~ please help your child select a backpack large enough to hold an 8 1/2 x 11 folder and library book. Practice zipping and unzipping and taking things in and out of it.

**FOLDERS** ~ Your child will receive a return /keep folder on their first day. They should bring this folder back and forth to school each day. This will help us get important information to and from school. Please check your child's folder each day and remove papers.

**Supplies** ~ We will have our own personal supplies this year. Please see the kindergarten supply list on our Franconia page on the district website.

**Lunch** ~ Your child will be eating lunch here at school each day. Please send their lunch in a lunchbox or bag clearly labeled with their name. Buying lunch at school is always an option. Information about school lunches can be found on our district website. Please include a drink, separate from their water bottle in your child's lunch.

**SNACKS** ~ Kindergarteners do work up an appetite ! please send your child with a healthy snack each day. It should be something they can open and eat with ease and in a few minutes and please remember our classroom is **not free** !!! (yogurt, applesauce squeeze bottles, granola bars, peeled or cut fruit or vegetables are all great options) Please put your child's snack in the front pocket of their backpack so they can find it with ease and not in their lunch box.

**WATER BOTTLES** ~ please send a **non-spill** water bottle with your child each day. Please label the water bottle with their name.

**BIRTHDAYS** ~ We LOVE to celebrate them !! Due to many food allergies we will not be doing food treats for birthdays in kindergarten. You may send in stickers, pencils, bookmarks or another small item if you wish. I would also like to invite you to come to our classroom as a guest reader for your child's birthday, or you can be a virtual guest reader or send in your child's favorite book for me to read. We will do many other activities to celebrate your child's special day !!

**ABSENT NOTES** ~ If your child is absent a written absence note is due within 3 days of their return in order to be excused. You may send it in your child's folder and I will send it to the office.

You can use the forms provided or any paper note is accepted.

FAMILY TRIPS ~ If your child will be missing school due to a family trip or other planned absence a written note must be submitted to the school office **PRIOR** to your trip so that it will be an excused absence.

CLOTHING ~ When selecting an outfit for school, comfy clothing with minimal zippers and buttons work best for using the bathroom. Sneakers are always a good option for the playground as well as dressing for the outdoor weather.

Recess ~ we do try to go outside everyday (weather permitting). Please make sure your child is dressed and prepared for outdoor weather.

SPECIALS~ your child will attend a special class each day. Specials for the week will be posted on our classroom Schoology page each week. It is important to have sneakers on P.E. day and Library books on Library day :)

SHOW AND TELL~ We do have Show and Tell every week on **Friday**. The show and Tell topic will be posted on our Schoology page each week. We always have one free-choice week each month !! This is a favorite time in kindergarten !

SCHOOLGY~ Schoology will be an important tool that we use to communicate and post announcements, information, resources etc.

You will receive more information about Schoology at the start of school as well as your child's log in information. Please make it a **daily habit** to check our class Schoology page !!

I look forward to working with you this year and sharing in your child's first school experience as a Franconia Falcon !!! This is a very exciting time for all of you !!!! Together we will make it an amazing experience !!!

~ Sandy Voelker :)

