



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hello and welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. I hope this letter finds you excited and eager to begin the new school year. My name is Mrs. DiPano and I will be your child's Kindergarten teacher. I live in Lambertville with my husband, our son and our two cats. My son just graduated from South Hunterdon Regional High School and is currently taking business classes until he can apply to the Plumbers And Pipefitters Local Union Trade School in the spring. I have been teaching Kindergarten in Hillsborough since 1998. Kindergarten IS the BEST grade and I can't wait to start the school year with your child!

I am looking forward to another fun and exciting year! By working together, we will make it a happy and rewarding experience for all. The following information will help prepare your child for their first year of school:

*Your child will need to bring a FULL size backpack and a snack to school everyday. If they are enrolled in the CAP Program, they will need a lunch each day and 2 snacks.*

**BACKPACK** - Please be sure it is a FULL size backpack to transport stuff to and from school.

**SNACK** - snack time is only about 10-15 mins. Please pack your child a small nutritional snack each day. Please do not send in chocolate, candy or gum. Along with your child's snack you may want to include a small juice box or some kind of drink. In addition, refillable water bottles are recommended on a daily basis.

**I will provide your child with a folder that will travel to school and home everyday. If your child has milk money, a good place for them to keep it is in their folder since milk money is collected first thing in the morning. The children will be responsible for checking their folder each morning.**

- **Please check the school website for a list of school supplies your child will need this year.**



## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- When sending ANY money to school, please put it in an envelope or zip lock bag and label it with your child's name, teacher's name and specify what it is for.
- Please be sure the school has your current telephone number (home and work), home address and email address on file in case of an emergency.
- ***Be sure I have your current email address.***
- Your child will be receiving many papers on the first day of school. Please be sure to go through them carefully and return any that need to be returned ASAP.
- Information regarding Back To School Night will be distributed within the first few days. Please be sure to check your child's folder DAILY.

***- On the first day of school your child will come home wearing a special name tag lanyard. It will include their name, my name and the bus they will be riding home from school or to a childcare/daycare center. It is important that your child wear this name tag lanyard for the ENTIRE FIRST FULL WEEK of school. It will make things easier for everyone since we are all trying to get to know one another. Thank you for your cooperation!***

**\*\* Most importantly - don't worry - I will take good care of your child - I am a "Mommy" too!!**

I am looking forward to meeting both you and your child. There will be parent/teacher conferences in the Fall and Spring to keep you informed.

Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions or want to discuss something, please don't hesitate to email me at [ddipano@https.us](mailto:ddipano@https.us) or call me at school 908-431-6600 extension 2287. Working together will allow your child to have a good first year school experience. I look forward to meeting you real soon!!



Sincerely,



Mrs. DiPano

