



# A PARENT'S GUIDE TO KINDERGARTEN AITKEN SCHOOL 2022-2023

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- Bus Information
- Parent Sign-up



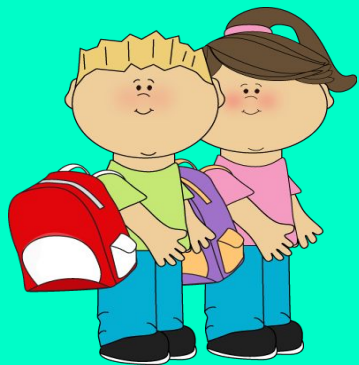
# IS MY CHILD SAFE?



\*Yes, your child is safe. The children are met by an adult when they come in and they are walked out by a designated adult at the end of each day.

\*There is a bathroom in each of the kindergarten classrooms, so they do not have to leave for that purpose.

\*Students are walked to the lunchroom and to specials by the teacher or by the classroom instructional aide.



# WHERE DO I DROP OFF AND PICK UP MY CHILD?

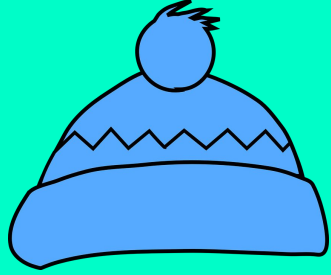
- AM - 8:45 drop off if not arriving by bus
- PM - 2:55 pick up if not leaving by bus

★ PLEASE WRITE A NOTE IN YOUR CHILD'S FOLDER WITH ANY  
CHANGES IN DISMISSAL.



# WHY DOES MY CHILD NEED A BACKPACK?

- Backpacks increase the chances of receiving notices and other important papers.
- Please check your child's backpack each night.
- Please make sure your child's backpack is not too heavy for them.

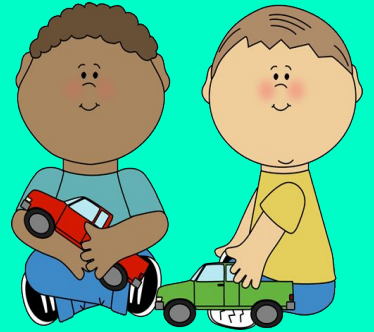


# HOW SHOULD I DRESS MY CHILD FOR SCHOOL?

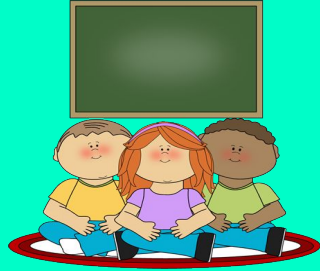


- Comfort
- Casual
- Layers
- Appropriate footwear
- Consider the weather (hat/ gloves)
- Able to get messy

# SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TOYS TO SCHOOL?



- **No** ... Please do not send in toys from home with your child. We have plenty of toys in the classroom for use during free play and recess.

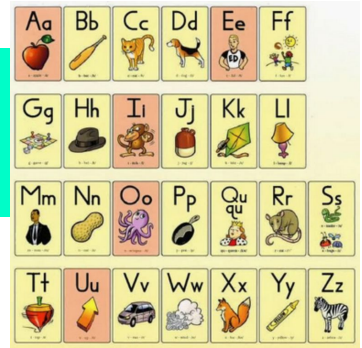


# MY VIEW

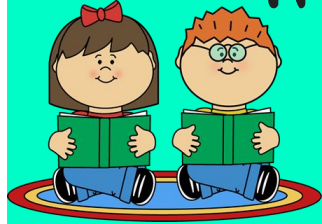
- As of September 2022, Seekonk has adopted a new comprehensive English Language Arts curriculum for all students K-5.
- This curriculum teaches reading, writing, speaking, listening, and thinking through Reading and Writing Workshop models.
- The material is scaffolded to meet the needs of all learners to allow them to be successful readers and writers.



# FUNDATIONS



- Provides all students with a foundation for reading and spelling.
- Emphasizes phonemic awareness, phonics-word study, high-frequency word study, fluency, vocabulary, handwriting and spelling.
- Whole Body Learning.
- Includes comprehension strategies.



# WHY TEACH HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS "TRICK WORDS"?

- Trick words are phonetically irregular high frequency words that are taught as words to be memorized.
- Learning these words are beneficial to children because they appear often in text.
- The automatic recognition of these words will increase a child's reading fluency, comprehension and confidence.



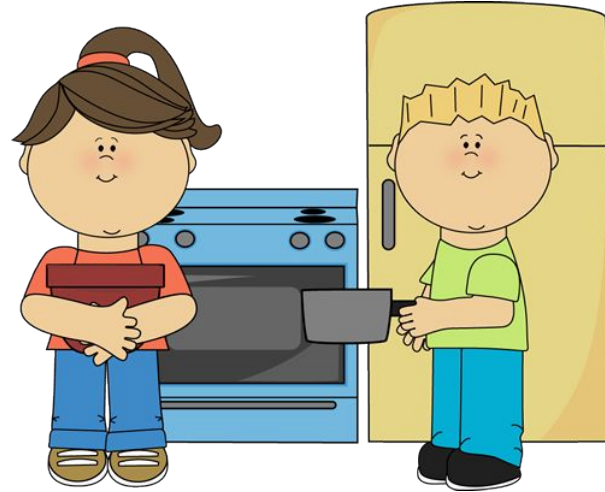
# EVERYDAY MATH

The elementary schools in Seekonk use the McGraw Hill program entitled Everyday Math

- Hands -on
- Manipulatives
- Number Sense
- Numeral Formation
- Computation

# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF “FREE PLAY”?

- Socialization
- Language Development
- Motivation
- Self-Regulation



# IMPORTANCE OF SELF REGULATION

- Taking turns, sharing, managing emotions
- Staying focused, completing tasks
- Learning and applying academic concepts independently

# WITHOUT SELF REGULATION

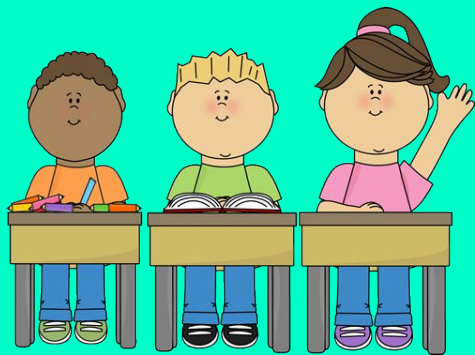


Children without self-regulation may not be able to stay seated and listen to a story, sit through dinner or a game.

# WITH SELF REGULATION



Children can control their attention enough to listen to a story, play a game, and sit through a meal. Their attention may wander, but they can bring it back to the task at hand.

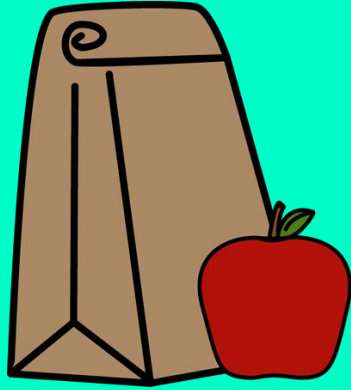


# HOW WILL MY CHILD BE EVALUATED?

- Informal assessments and observations
- DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment)

**Information is shared with parents via:**

- Parent conferences will be held in October
- Report cards will be distributed in December, March and June

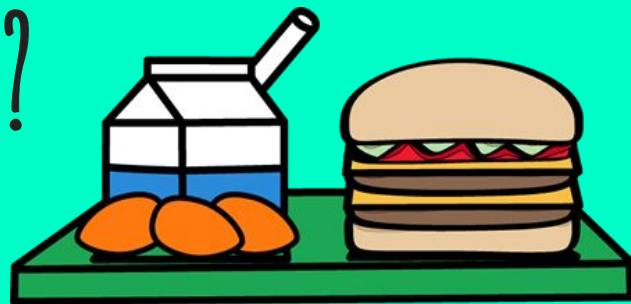


# WHAT ABOUT SNACK TIME?

- Please send in one small snack and drink that can be easily consumed.
- If the snack requires a spoon please send one in.
- Healthy snacks are encouraged.
- Please remind your child that we do not switch or share snacks with other students in the class.
- It is helpful to have your child practice opening and closing snack containers over the summer.



# WHAT ABOUT LUNCH TIME?

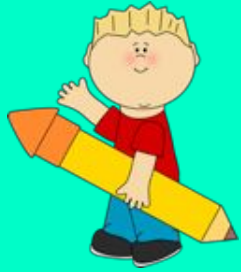


- Your child can either bring his/her lunch or buy lunch.
- The option to buy milk only is available.
- You will have the option of prepaying on-line or sending in an envelope each week. Information can be found on the Seekonk Schools website. Your child's ID number to create an account will be provided in September.
- The lunch menu for the following week will be sent home on Friday.

# WHAT SPECIALS WILL KINDERGARTEN GO TO?

- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Library
- Technology





# THE KINDERGARTEN DAY

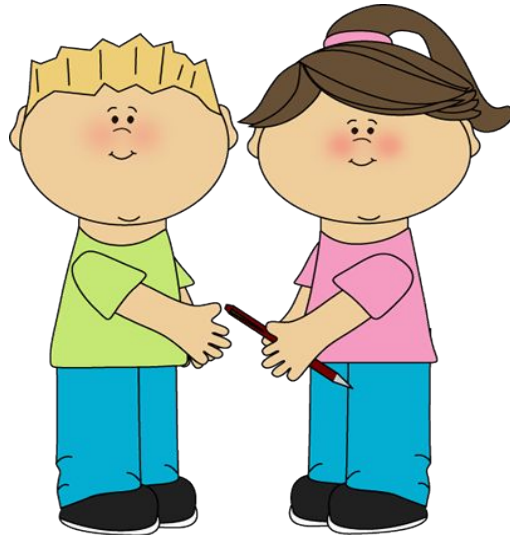
- Foundations
- Writing
- Reading
- Math
- Brain Breaks

- Snack
- Lunch
- Recess
- Specials

# CLASSROOM RULES

(Respect yourself, Respect others, Respect Aitken School)

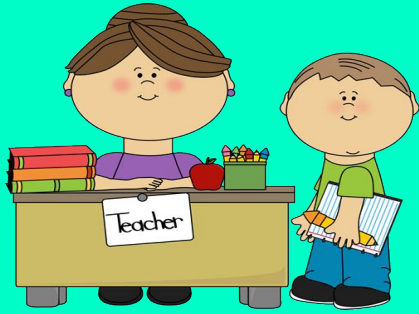
- Helping Hands
- Ears Listening
- Quiet Voices
- Eyes Looking
- Walking Feet





# KINDERGARTEN SUPPLIES

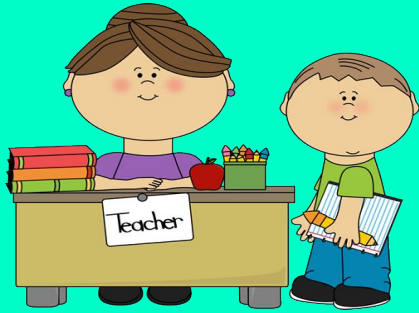
- Students share supplies in the classroom.
- Your packet contains a list of requested supplies.
- A wish list will be on our classroom board during orientation in September.
- Additional supplies may be requested in our newsletters throughout the year.
- Please send your child in with a backpack.



# QUESTIONS FOR THE TEACHERS

- Please feel free to contact your child's teacher by phone, email or note.
- Teacher assignments will be sent home in August.
- Contact information can be found at the front of your packet.
- Each child will be provided with a folder for daily correspondence.

# ANY QUESTIONS?



- Please feel free to contact us at the following email addresses:
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# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN AT THE AITKEN SCHOOL

See you on Sept 1st at 9:30 AM  
for Orientation!

