

Ms. Maples'

ABC's of Kindergarten

A

It is important that your student joins us each day they are healthy! However, if your student will be absent, please call the absent line at 234-7005 or email the office staff at oteos@bluevalleyk12.org. He or she will be greatly missed!

Please arrive by 8:25 a.m. Our day begins at 8:35 a.m.

We have Art class on day 5.

B

Collect and send in your BOX TOPS to help our class earn a prize while raising money for our school.

We love to celebrate birthdays! You are invited to donate a birthday book to our school library. To do so, bring in a \$10 donation, and you can select a title from the birthday bookshelf. A bookplate will be placed inside the front cover of the book with the donor's name and birth date. Due to the growing number of food allergies and medical needs, OTE has a non-edible birthday treat policy. If you would like to send in nonedible birthday treats for our class, you are welcome to do so.

Scholastic book order forms will be sent home this year. This is a great opportunity to encourage reading at home, as well as help our class earn points used to expand our classroom library. Please order online at www.scholastic.com/readingclub. Our class code is KQCWT.

Please check out our class behavior plan on my classroom website.

C

I believe that parent-teacher communication is essential in helping your student be successful in kindergarten. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (913) 234-7053 or email me at bmaples02@bluevalleyk12.org

Please pack an extra change of clothes in your student's backpack to use in the event of an accident.

We have computer class on Day 3.

Our curriculum resources include the following programs: Lead21 Reading, Envision Math program, TCI Bring Science Alive, and Benchmark Writing.

D

Having a clear, structured, discipline plan is a key component in creating a positive learning environment. Please review the kindergarten behavior plan found on my class webpage.

Dismissal begins at 3:40 p.m. on regular school days and at 2:00 p.m. on Early Release Days.

E

Email is the best way to contact me – bmaples02@bluevalleyk12.org. I strive to respond to all emails/phone calls within 24 hours.

Early Release Dates: 8/30, 9/13, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6, 1/24, 2/7, 3/28, and 4/18

F

This year, we will enjoy several exciting field trips! Stay tuned for dates and chaperone opportunities!

G

Our class will have GYM (PE class) class on Days 1 and 2. Don't forget to wear your sneakers!

Our all school focus this year is having a GROWTH MINDSET. Please read the article I listed on my classroom website.

H

Several times throughout the year, your student will bring home a family project to complete as homework. However, your student's primary homework includes reading each and every night. Exposing your student to a variety of text and opportunities to read/listen to stories is such an important part of their growth as readers. **If you happen to see worksheets in your child's folder that aren't completed and/or completely blank please consider these as homework, complete them, and send them back to school.

Our hashtag this year is: #otegrowingminds. Check out pictures from OTE on Twitter.

I

Encourage your student to be an independent thinker!

Call the information line at 239-4600 to access the Blue Valley Tips Hotline (school closings, board meeting notes, etc.)

J

Our classroom can get a little chilly. Please send your student with a light jacket to wear if he/she gets cold.

K

Stay connected and in the "know" by checking your student's Daily Folder, Friday Folders (special folder that will come home each Friday), reading the weekly newsletter, and by checking our school and classroom webpage for updated information.

<http://bluevalleyk12.org/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=6021&>

L

Our lunch time is from 11:45-12:13 p.m. Student lunch cost is \$2.35 and adult lunches are \$3.30.

We will visit the library each Monday to check out books. Please return library books each Friday.

M

We have music class on Days 1 and 4.

Please make sure that any money sent to school comes in a labeled envelope.

Medication must be delivered to the nurse's office with a note from a parent or guardian. Contact Nurse Carrie at ckooken@bluevalleyk12.org with any questions regarding medication.

N

Please read the weekly newsletter that will be sent home via email, each Friday, to stay up to date on our classroom happenings! It will also be on the classroom website.

O

In order to ensure safety at school, please remember to stop in the office to sign in and out as a visitor.

P

Get involved with our PTO to help our school community be the best that it can be!

Progress reports will be sent home mid-quarter.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October

We will have the following class parties this year:
Fall Festival, Winter Party, and Valentine's Day Party.

Q

If at any time you have a question or would like clarification on anything at all, please feel free to contact me via phone, email, or by writing a note. The only silly question is the one left unasked! 😊

R

Read with your student daily.

Report cards will be available to view online at the end of each quarter.

S

Social Thinking – understanding how our actions affect others and in turn, how our actions affect our own emotions. We will be working on becoming aware of our behavior and how it affects others and ourselves through our school wide “Think Social” project.

Each week we will celebrate a Star Student! Each student is assigned a week in which they will be recognized, interviewed by the class, complete an “All About Me” poster, share their favorite book, as well as a bring in a few precious items to share with the class (show and tell). Check out your student’s special week on my class webpage!

Your student’s safety is my number one priority. We will have many opportunities to practice various safety drills throughout the year.

We have Spanish class on Days 2 and 4.

T

If there is a change in your student’s transportation, please notify myself and the office as soon as possible. Without a note or phone call, your student will go home the same way they usually do. We understand that emergencies happen. Your student’s safety is our number one priority. Proper communication is key!

U

My goal is to make our webpage and all materials sent home as user-friendly as possible. If there is ever something that you need assistance with, please ask! 😊

V

Each month our school will focus on learning a new Blue Valley Virtue: Compassion, Perseverance, Respect, Self-Discipline, Courage, Honesty, and Responsibility.

I am always looking for volunteers throughout the year. There are MANY opportunities to help. Please consider signing up at the Kindergarten Parent Meeting on Thursday, August 20th.

W

Please check out classroom webpage for important and up-to-date information.

As the weather cools down, please make sure your student wears weather appropriate clothing to school.

Your student is welcome and encouraged to bring a water bottle to class.

Walk, Roll, & Stroll to school! OTE promotes fitness by encouraging families to walk or ride a bike to school. You can earn a participation sticker and incentive on the specified Walk, Roll, & Stroll Wednesdays.

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We will have many eXciting eXperiences eXploring this year in Kindergarten!

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YOU are your student's first and most important teacher. I look forward to working together to ensure your student has a memorable and successful Kindergarten year!

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ZZZZZZZZZZZZ...Please make sure your student gets plenty of rest in order to perform their very best each day.

This year will zoom by, so let's make it a great one! ☺