



Immanuel Christian School

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Dear Parents of Kindergarten Students:

Welcome to kindergarten! My name is Janine Jorritsma, and I will be your child's teacher for the upcoming school year. This is my second year teaching kindergarten at Immanuel Christian School, and I am excited for this new school year!

The following items will apply to you and your child for the upcoming year.

- 1. On Wednesday, September 8 only JK students and full time kindergarten students will come to school. On Friday, September 10 SK students will join the JK students at school. This gradual start will help get the JK students oriented to the class and the school. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend the opening assembly with their children on Tuesday, September 7.**
2. Each child will have the opportunity to be the "star of the week". Please bring to school (on the Monday of that week) a sheet of bristol board with pictures telling us about your child. Additional items such as favourite toys, trophies, treats (some restrictions apply, please see item #2), etc. may also be brought in during that week. Just have fun! I will be sending a monthly calendar which will outline your child's turn.
3. Please send 2 snacks in with your child's lunch as we have 2 snack times each day. Please note that we are "peanut free" school, so snacks must be peanut free. A list of some peanut and nut-free safe snacks has been provided.
4. Please send a picture of your child to school that I can use for the bulletin board.
5. Please send at least one extra set of child's clothes to school for your child in case of an accident. These will remain in the child's cubby.
6. Please send an old shirt with your child that they can use for painting.
7. We have a quiet time set aside each day in kindergarten. Please send a small blanket and pillow with your child for these times.
8. Show and tell is an exciting time for children in kindergarten. Each child will have an opportunity to participate in this. I will notify you when your child's turn is.
9. At the end of the school day you may either wait at our entrance and park in the Mormon church parking lot to the east of the school or you may pick them up at the 'Kiss 'N Ride' at the west end of the school. Those taking the bus will be taken to their bus lines by assigned helpers. Please notify the school office (if you haven't already) about how your child will be dropped off and picked up. Every child will have an assigned helper who will assist them at the end of the day and ensure they reach their destination safely.
10. Each child has a bag with their name on it that will be sent home everyday. Please check this bag for notes from me or projects your child has done. Please feel free to write a note for me and put this in your child's bag if you have any questions or concerns.
11. Please label all items sent to school (coat, extra set of clothes, blanket, etc.), so that the owner can be quickly identified if it is lost.

I'm sure there will be other things that come up throughout the year. Our weekly newsletter will be the forum I'll use to let you know of these details. Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any questions or concerns. If you would like to arrange a meeting with me regarding a concern you have please phone or email me (at the address listed below) identifying times you can meet. I would prefer that concerns be discussed on the phone or in person if possible. Thanks for your cooperation. I look forward to meeting you!

Blessings, Mrs. Janine Jorritsma – janine.siemens@gmail

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