



## **What to expect on the First Day of Kindergarten at Armstrong**

### **Lunch, Snacks, and School Supplies:**

- Students may bring a lunch from home or buy a plate lunch in the cafeteria (\$4.75)
- Kindergartners have a set HOT or COLD choice each day – a monthly lunch calendar is available on the Armstrong website.
- Students may purchase drinks (water, milk, juice) to go with a lunch brought from home.
- Ice cream is only available for purchase on Fridays.
- Please help your child memorize their cafeteria number. This will be assigned through Skyward at Back to School Sign-Up.
- Students may bring a PEANUT FREE snack and water bottle. These will be kept in their locker until afternoon snack time.
- School supplies are purchased during Back to School Sign-Up (July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>). The supplies will be in your child's classroom on the first day of school. There is no need to send your child with extra supplies.

### **Daily Schedule:**

- **7:30-7:50** - If your child arrives before the first bell at 7:50 you and your child can wait just inside the school front door on the tiled areas. Or your child may go to their grade level hallway and wait outside the classroom until the 7:50 bell rings.
- **7:50 a.m.** - First bell rings to start the day and your child can enter through the Cornell door or the St. Johns door and go directly to the classroom.
- **8:00 a.m.** - Tardy bell rings and morning announcements start with the pledges and moment of silence. Attendance is taken after announcements and the doors to the building are locked.
- In an effort to build independence, please allow your child to enter the classroom and start the school day on their own.
- After 8:05 a.m. - You must enter through the main entrance on Cornell and sign your student in at the office.
- Morning Work/ELA Block - Morning meeting, reading, and writing workshop, phonics workshop, and literacy stations
- Recess
- Lunch

- Afternoon Specials – 30 minute rotation each day of 2 specials (Art, PE, Music, and Spanish)
- Afternoon Recess
- Math Block – Math workshop, math rotations, and number talks
- Science and Social Studies Block
- **3:15 p.m.** – End of Day Dismissal

**Dismissal:**

- After School pick up is at the Kindergarten door on the corner of Cornell and St. Johns. Older children will be sent to the youngest child’s designated pick-up spot unless noted otherwise.
- Each teacher walks their class down the stairs to meet parents. Please wait for your teacher to dismiss your child to you.
- There is a carpool lane on Cornell for Kindergarten dismissal. You **MUST** stay in your car and in the carpool lane. There is no parking in the carpool lane to pick-up your child from the teacher. A teacher will walk the student to your car when you reach the corner of Cornell and St. Johns.
- Please leave dogs (and other pets) at home during dismissal.

**Friendly Reminders:**

- Please send a backpack. Teachers recommend a backpack that is large enough to fit a folder inside.
- Wear tennis shoes for P. E. and playground.
- Girls should wear shorts under skirts and dresses.
- No birthday sweets or treats.
- Unless you are volunteering in the cafeteria, please do not come have lunch with your child during the 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks of school. This allows students to adjust to Cafeteria procedures.
- Please practice opening containers and drinks packed in school lunches. There will be helpers in the Cafeteria, but it is always a good idea to practice working on independence!
- Your teacher will send home carpool tags. Please see the enclosed carpool route map.
- Your child will receive their “Class of 2034” t-shirt on the first day of school. Please hang onto these as they wear these again for 4<sup>th</sup> grade graduation!