

# KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION



**Classical School**  
Appleton, Wisconsin

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## **CLASSICAL SCHOOL FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**

Classical School began in the fall of 1999. We currently enroll about 470 students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Our kindergarten program is a full-day program. We do not offer a half-day option.

## **CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS**

Parents and members of the community at large often ask if they may visit the classrooms at Classical School to see the program in action. Observations are through appointment. If you would like to arrange a classroom observation, please contact our program support specialist, Kathy Povolny, at 997-1399 ext. 3398 or [povolnykathlee@asd.k12.wi.us](mailto:povolnykathlee@asd.k12.wi.us), and she will be happy to set that up with you.

We welcome visitors into our classrooms, but to keep disruptions for the students to a minimum, we adhere to the following guidelines:

- The teacher will provide a seat for you in a designated area. Please have a seat when entering the classroom. At the end of class, please check with the teacher for an appropriate time to have your questions answered during your visit. You may also stop in to see Kathy Povolny with any questions you might have.
- To enable the children to follow the teacher directives, we ask visitors not to interact with the children who are working independently in the classroom. For example, if a child comes to you with a question while you are observing the classroom, please direct the child to the teacher or aide unless otherwise specified.

## **MATH AND READING PLACEMENT TESTS**

Kindergarten math and reading placement tests for **enrolled students** will be administered on Thursday, May 20th, by scheduled appointment. You will sign up for the appointment when you come to the Kindergarten Visitation on May 12th. Tests will be scheduled between 8:15-10:45am on the 20th. If you cannot make that date, please contact Kathy Povolny at 997-1399 ext. 3398 or [povolnykathlee@asd.k12.wi.us](mailto:povolnykathlee@asd.k12.wi.us) to arrange for your child's tests. The tests only take about 10 minutes to administer and the students usually have fun taking them! *If your child is on the waiting list, please do not schedule a placement test at this time.*

## **MEET AND GREET FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS**

Kindergarten students and their parents will have a chance to meet with the teacher, see their new classroom, and drop off their classroom supplies the day before the start of school from 3:00 - 5:00pm on Tuesday, August 31st.

## **CLASSICAL STUDENT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL**

- The first bell rings at 7:54am and students should be in their lines outside ready to enter the building at this time.
- Students should be in their seats ready to start the day at the 8:00am bell when classes start. Lunch begins at 11:17am.
- Afternoon classes begin at 11:57am.
- School is dismissed at 2:49pm. Parents, guardians, sitters, etc. should meet children outside on the playground at dismissal time.

## **PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR OUR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**

The more you can work with your child to prepare him or her for the Classical School kindergarten academic program, the easier the transition will be. Please take time to work with your child so he or she will be able to perform the following tasks at the start of school if possible:

### **Math:**

- 1) Recognize and write numbers 0 through 10
- 2) Count backwards from 10 to 0
- 3) One-to-one correspondence (Example: When counting 10 items, touch each item one time only as you count it)
- 4) Practice asking numbers that come before and after other numbers 0 through 10 (Example: What number comes before 7? What number comes after 4?)

### **Reading:**

- 1) Recognize and name the capital and lower case letters of the alphabet
- 2) Be able to print your first name using a capital letter at the beginning and lower case letters for the rest of your name
- 3) Follow a small series of directions. For example: Put your shoes on THEN tie them.
- 4) Practice recognizing and printing the letters b, d, p, g, and q in smaller case
- 5) Read stories to your child at home and ask questions during and afterward to help build Comprehension skills)

### **Penmanship:**

Handwriting is very important in kindergarten. It is important for children to learn just how to form letters, but also it's very important for them to learn to form the letters correctly. It is beneficial for the student's development in this area if they are practicing skills in the same way at home and school. With that in mind, we would like to ask you to help prepare your child for school by practicing letters with the following guidelines in mind:

- All letters use a continuous stroke whenever possible.
- Letters do not start from the bottom line.
- Each number represents a lift of the pencil.

For example the capital letter "A" has a 1, 2, AND 3. This means that the pencil is lifted two times while making the letter. For the lowercase "a" only has the number 1. This means that there is only one stroke with no lifts. There is another arrow, but not another number.

When practicing at home please do not feel that you must focus on pencil and paper only. There are many different ideas to use when practicing letter/number formation. A few examples include using shaving cream on a table, using a stick and sand at the beach or a backyard sandbox, or using a white or chalkboard. Different ideas make it more enjoyable for younger children and it doesn't always seem like a chore.

### **Other areas to practice:**

Practice tying shoes

Practice zipping coats

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# KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST FOR 2010-2011

**\*\*Please write name or initials on every individual item below including markers and glue covers\*\***



- Plastic school box (5" X 8" - no bigger!) by Spacemaker - No handles
- Box of 24 Crayons - regular
- Box of 8 basic colors thick Crayola washable markers (not RoseArt)
- 10 Glue Sticks
- Scissors (Fiskars)
- Two-pocket folder for daily take home use
- Paint shirt
- Thick Crayola colored pencils
- 1 Box of 8 watercolors
- INSIDE SHOES USED FOR GYM AND WET WEATHER

**Please do NOT put names or initials are not required on the following items:**

- 12 Yellow pencils - Please look for the Dixon Ticonderoga Brand
- 4 oz. White school glue - no gel
- 2 Large family size boxes of tissues
- 2 Boxes of crackers, cookies or pretzels
- 1 Container of antibacterial cleansing lotion (such as Purell)
- 2 large pink erasers - No novelty

## **Other Supplies:**

- Last Name beginning with I-S: One package Ziploc quart bags
- Last Name beginning with A-H: One package of Ziploc gallon bags
- Last Name beginning with T-Z: One tub of Clorox wipes

# MEET THE KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS



## **DIANA ALVARADO-SYVERSON**

Welcome to kindergarten! I am looking forward to the journey that the kindergarteners and I will take together next year. We will read, talk, observe, play and learn many, many new things.

Outside of the classroom, I love to read books about real life adventures (North to the Night and Into Thin Air) or pure fantasy (Eragon, The Hobbit, and Brian Jacques books). I also like taking walks and sewing, but my new favorite thing to do is kayaking. It's great to know that your paddling is your sole source of power. What a treat it is to live in a place where water and kayaks are so accessible ... at least until the snow falls.

I could not prepare for each school year without the help of my family.

These very special people are my husband, Steve, my daughter, Nissa, and my son Mark (who attended Classical School). They're great helpers at moving books and furniture, putting up bulletin boards, filling hundreds of papers, and even hunting for caterpillars for me! There is also a cat who lives at our house. We call her Cat, but she did not help prepare for kindergarten. I truly enjoy working with young children and hope that your child will gain as much from our interaction as I hope to gain from it. Thank you for this opportunity to share in your daughter or son's education.



## **ROBYN HERNANDEZ NAGREEN**

Welcome to kindergarten! I was born in Appleton and I have always lived here, other than attending college in Minneapolis. I am the youngest of many children. As a child, I enjoyed sports and was an avid reader, but I never really connected with school. Because of a promise I made to my dad, I did decide to attend college. It was there that I found joy in education. My first teaching assignment was at Appleton Christian School. I taught 4th-6th grade classes there. I really enjoyed working there, but after my daughter was born, I made a job change to Little Rock Day Care. As the director, I developed an academic preschool and kindergarten program. Because of a last minute teacher resignation, I started teaching kindergarten until I could find a replacement. I found that I loved it.

I enjoy being a mom. My daughter, Alicia, is sixteen and attends high school. My son Emanuel (Manny) has just turned thirteen and will be entering the eighth grade at Classical. My husband Paul has an education degree. As a family we spend a lot of time together and we enjoy being outside. We like camping and biking. Our favorite places to camp are Hartman's Creek, Luna Lake and Three John's Lake. We have recently taken up mountain bike riding and I have found that I really like it. In the winters we like to snowmobile. To tell the truth my family likes to snowmobile, but I like to spend time with them so I go along. A few years ago both of the children expressed an interest in competitive swimming, so we became involved with the swim team at the YMCA. After school hours, most of my time is spent driving them to practices and taking them to meets on the weekend.

I am looking forward to next school year! I am always excited about teaching children and the Core Knowledge curriculum is fun to teach and enjoyable for the children to learn.